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## BLUE FACE OF THE ISLE

Isle voters overwhelmingly backed the Conservatives in last week's General Election as Thanet's political map turned blue when Laura Sandys and Roger Gale trounced their Labour competition.

Ms Sandys, who had been the hot favourite to beat Dr Stephen Ladyman for the Thanet South seat, crushed the former Government minister, beating him by 7,617 votes.

Amid jubilant scenes she said she would dedicate her time in office to serving the people of Thanet South with determination and vision. Her victory ended Dr Ladyman's 13 years as MP.

Mr Gale also won emphatically, beating Labour's Michael Britton into second place by a huge margin.

The Thanet North result, in which Mr Gale triumphed, was announced first, before the eagerly-awaited Thanet South vote came about 30 minutes later.

Tory activists whooped and cheered as it became clear that Ms Sandys had emerged the victor and Dr Ladyman conceded he had been well beaten.

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**EXCLUSIVE**

■ BY TOM BETTS

MEMBERS of the Ramsgate Marina Association have taken a vote of no confidence in Thanet council's management of the port and harbour.

Yourthanet understands that the vote, taken at a recent meeting, was unanimous.

The association is now calling for a harbour board to be set up to limit Thanet council's involvement as it believes it will make for a better-run port and marina.

An association member, who did not wish to be named, said that frustration with the council had reached the highest level he had known and that members were now "embarrassed" by the situation.

He said: "There seems to be a lack of interest in maintaining the port and members feel the harbour should be run separately by a board on behalf of the council. As it is, the place is losing business because of the state it's in."

One of the issues causing most concern is dredging.

The association member said: "There are some very questionable things that have happened lately which have prompted this. One is certainly the dredging and the way they just seem to forget to do it.

"It silts up about 20 centimetres a year and I don't think the western marina has been dredged since it was built. If you are to maintain a good three-metre depth you need to

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**OVERCROWDED:** Cliftonville residents are concerned about the number of small flats in the area

# Move to stop greedy landlords cramming residents into flats

■ BY TOM BETTS

A BID to increase the minimum floorspace of new flats has been launched.

Thanet Labour group leader Clive Hart has put forward the idea to try to make sure any new flats that are built or converted are of a decent size.

If adopted, it will increase floorspace of flats in places like Cliftonville, where overcrowding is leading to concern.

Cllr Hart said: "During recent consultation on the Cliftonville Development Plan Document, residents expressed concern at the number of small units being created, leading to over-development and an overcrowding of the population in Cliftonville West, something my fellow ward councillors Linda Aldred, Doug Clark and I have argued strongly since our election in 2003."

The conversion of properties into flats across the isle has often resulted in cramped living conditions.

Typically, landlords offer smaller flats to try to get more residents installed for greater financial gain.

Cllr Hart said: "This has contributed significantly to over-development and over-crowding in parts of the district and, in addition to everyday quality-of-life issues, there are serious knock-on effects regarding physical and mental health and crime in these areas."

The motion was introduced at a full council meeting and will need to be voted through at a meeting of the council's cabinet either this



**TIGHT SPACE:** Clive Hart says some flats on the isle are so small you can't fit a bed in a bedroom

month or next to become policy.

If it is adopted, it will have to be policy across the whole isle, but it would have most impact in areas such as Cliftonville.

The motion was sparked when Cllr Hart discovered that a social-housing provider had taken over a block of previously privately-rented flats in Cliftonville and insisted on larger floor areas.

Social housing landlords typically insist on flats having floor areas of about 70 square metres.

Cllr Hart said: "Some of the flats I have seen are terribly small, and you can't even get a bed in some of the bedrooms I have seen."

"Some are just not suitable for living in and I can't see how the cabinet could refuse this – it's just a reasonable thing to ask for."



**MUDDY WATERS:** Silt build-up in Ramsgate harbour is now up to two metres in places

## Fears that marina might not be ready for Dynamo Day

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 dredge it every four or five years. The council used to advertise that depth, which can take most yachts, but they don't any more. It is so bad now that we are talking about a two-metre amount of silt that has built up."

"Pontoon are sitting on mud at low water, which damages them. They need to dredge the eastern and western marina and seem to be six months or four months too late. They have known about it for ages."

Dynamo Day, the celebratory event to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Dunkirk Little Ships and the evacuation of Allied servicemen, could also be under threat if the dredging is not carried out fast enough, said the member.

"There are supposed to be 50 little ships coming in. We have lost the tall-ships event coming in and now the council is desperately trying to dredge the marinas for the end of May so that 50 boats can be managed," he said.

### Dredging

Dynamo Day is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 26.

The member said estimates put the cost of the dredging currently going on at about £800,000 for the last six weeks, but Thanet council would not reveal how much it had spent.

A spokeswoman said: "The contract for dredging at the harbour is currently out to tender and that work will be carried out to ensure we can accommodate the Dunkirk Little Ships in late May, which attract considerable Press interest in Ramsgate."

"As the contract is out to tender, we cannot comment on how much is being spent on dredging at this time. The first priority for dredging work was the port so we could ensure the new ferry could operate."

The spokeswoman also said the council was not aware of any vote of no confidence in its management.

## Pub purchase 'vital' to estate regeneration

THE old Flowing Bowl pub in Newington has been bought by Thanet council.

It is likely that the site will be used for housing as the regeneration of the Ramsgate estate goes ahead.

Council officials have described the site as "a vital piece of the regeneration jigsaw-puzzle."

The pub has been derelict for a number of months and was becoming an eyesore as it was falling into disrepair.

It will now become part of the major regeneration plans for the Centre area of Newington.

A council spokesman said: "Although

no specific plans have yet been put forward for the site, it is likely that it will be used for housing."

Redevelopment plans that have been put forward will see the Centre demolished and replaced with a mixed scheme of new houses of various sizes and flats.

Work should begin this autumn.

The work will be carried out by Town and Country Housing Association, one of the council's preferred partner Registered Social Landlords.

At present, council-housing tenants are being moved out to other properties to allow the work to take place.

One side of the Centre has been cleared, with people moving to either other council homes or housing-association properties.

Housing manager Craig George said: "This is a vital piece of the regeneration jigsaw puzzle and we're delighted to have made the purchase."

"It's a property that's been derelict for some time and we wanted to act to ensure it was brought back into use rather than remaining as an eyesore."

"It now means that the site can become part of our plans to regenerate the Centre and improve it as a place to live for our tenants."



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## Labour will fight back, vows ousted Ladyman

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

LABOUR'S Dr Steve Ladyman says he will fight another day and said the General Election defeat was not the end for his party on the isle.

Dr Ladyman, who served the Thanet South constituency for 13 years and is a former minister for transport, said the party would start again as it did before the 1997 election, when the county was completely Conservative.

"All the former local MPs have very strong reputations, but it wasn't about us – this was about the national elections, which is why good Labour politicians didn't get voted back in," he said.

"I guarantee Labour will make a comeback – we will work on our local elections next May and capitalise on that foundation."

Dr Ladyman, who spent three terms in office, said the party was affected by what was happening nationally as well as the unpopularity of Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

"He was an issue in the elections and this affected the result," he said.

"A lot of people dislike him and a lot of people respect him. People focused on his character flaws, but if you looked at how many people respected him, you can see a good balance. I will always support the Labour leader."

However, before planning a path back to power, the party should go into opposition rather than attempt to form a coalition with the LibDems, according to Dr Ladyman, who said such an arrangement would be too unstable for the maintenance of a secure government.



**WELL BEATEN:** Steve Ladyman lost his Thanet South seat by 7,617 votes to Tory Laura Sandys, pictured celebrating her win with husband Randolph at the count, which was held at Margate's Winter Gardens

About Mr Brown's decision to step down, he said: "I think it was the right decision and inevitable given the Liberal Democrats' terms for forming a coalition."

"Politically, it would be best for a Lib-Lab coalition, but unfortunately the election figures don't add up."

"If the Labour Party sided with the Liberal Democrats and the nationalists, it would only just be enough to form a government and it would not be very stable."

"Personally speaking, it would be wrong for the country, but it seems a Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition is arithmetically the only way forward."

"It may just be best for the Labour Party to be in opposition instead."

Asked who he would like to see as a future Labour leader, Dr Ladyman said: "It depends on which candidates are going to put themselves forward and also who's standing for the deputy leadership. My preference is for [Home Secretary] Alan Johnson, but again it depends on if he puts himself forward."

It was a grim night in the county for Labour, who lost all their seven seats.

In the neighbouring Dover and Deal constituency, Gwyn Prosser, who also served for 13 years, echoed his colleague's words, saying Labour could turn things around.

Mr Prosser said: "Before 1997 there was not a single Labour MP in the county and then our fortunes changed."



## Business as usual for jubilant Gale

ROGER Gale has once again been elected as the MP for Thanet North.

As uncertainty reigned in the country at large, this very safe seat remained in Mr Gale's hands.

The Conservative has been returned as the Member of Parliament for the seventh successive time and romped home past the finish line.

His 22,826 votes dwarfed that of his closest challenger, Labour's Michael Britton, who garnered just 9,298 votes.

He said: "I'm very pleased. This is the culmination of a lot of hard work from a lot of people."

"I never take anything for granted. Any MP who starts taking the people he represents for granted faces the fast road to the exit door."

"I could not have done this without my wife Suzy."

"We need to remember that once the election is over, I am not the Conservative Member of Parliament for North Thanet, I am the Member of Parliament and I have a duty to represent all the people, not just some of them."

"I have established a way of working that people appear to be comfortable with. There is a huge amount of work to be done, but I look forward to it."

Third place went to Laura Murphy, the Liberal Democrat candidate, who received 8,400 votes, while Rosamund Parker of UKIP received a mere 2,819.

There were 83 rejected ballot papers and turnout for the constituency was 63.4 per cent.

Mr Gale said: "I want to thank my team for their work and loyal support. We could not have done it without you."

He said he would continue to deliver for the people of Thanet North.

### THANET NORTH RESULTS:

ROGER GALE (Con)	22,826
Michael Britton (Lab)	9,298
Laura Murphy (LibDem)	8,400
Rosamund Parker (UKIP)	2,819
Majority	13,528
Turnout	63.2 per cent



RE-ELECTED: Roger Gale

## Sandys shocked by size of majority

THE Conservatives reclaimed the Thanet South seat as Laura Sandys triumphed at the polls on Friday morning.

Ms Sandys crushed her main rival, Labour's Dr Steve Ladyman, who had held the seat since 1997.

Jubilant scenes greeted her victory and Ms Sandys hugged husband Randolph and political mentor Roger Gale, the MP for Thanet North, after the results came through.

She received 22,043 votes to Dr Ladyman's 14,426 – a 7,617 majority.

Speaking after her win, and beaming from ear to ear in a blue jacket, Ms Sandys said: "I feel very, very excited and very privileged."

"It's a combination of feeling very elated on one hand and the responsibilities I have to take on the other."

"I am here to serve the people of Thanet South with dedication, compassion and determination."

"Thanet South needs a sense of vision and determination to follow through."

As the results were announced by returning officer Richard Samuel, the Conservatives in the crowd cheered loudly when they heard how many votes Ms Sandys had received.

Ms Sandys, who lives in Ramsgate, said she was surprised at the size of the majority.

She said: "I would have been surprised at a majority of just two, so it hasn't quite sunk in yet."

The Liberal Democrats' Peter Bucklitsch came third with 6,935 votes, while UKIP's Trevor Shonk polled 2,529 votes.

Voter turnout was 65.8 per cent and 90 ballots were rejected.

Dr Ladyman admitted he was "depressed" at the outcome of the campaign.

He said: "I'm feeling a bit depressed, but it's been an honour and a privilege to be the MP for 13

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years and I wish I could have carried on, but these things happen."

"It's a democracy and I've been in the Labour Party long enough to know we'll regroup and come back to fight another day."

In her winning speech from the podium, Ms Sandys said she was pleased it had been a clean campaign and paid tribute to her opponents and said she was looking forward to taking her place in Parliament.

She said: "I have had the best team I can dream of and I thank them all for their dedication."

"Dr Ladyman has served the residents of Thanet South meticulously and with dedication."

"I have my greatest gratitude to the voters and I will serve all the people of South Thanet with compassion and total devotion but also with determination."

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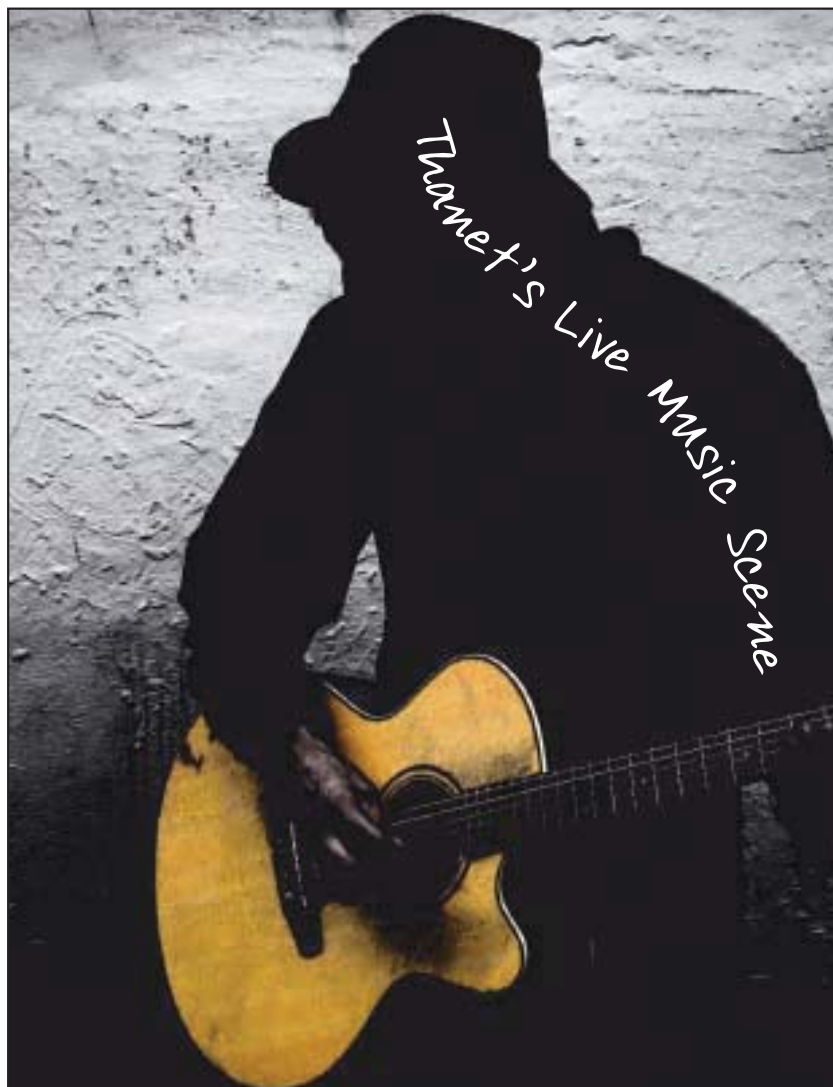
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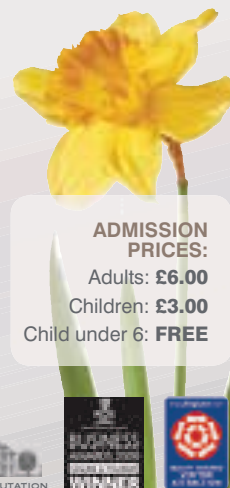
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# What are your memories of Dunkirk acts?

PEOPLE on the isle are being asked for their help in remembering one of the Second World War's most famous operations, which is being celebrated in Ramsgate this month.

Dynamo Day in Ramsgate, on Wednesday, May 26, will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the civilian contribution to Operation Dynamo – the miraculous evacuation of more than a quarter of a million men from the beaches of Dunkirk in France.

They were brought back to the English coast aboard thousands of small vessels as well as naval craft as the community pitched in to play a pivotal role.

Ramsgate was a marshalling point and played an essential role in the evacuation.

It was also one of the main reception centres for the returning Allied troops and the many casualties.

Professor David Welch, professor of modern history at the University of Kent, is an international authority on British society and the Second World War and has agreed to be the historical adviser to the organising group, the Ramsgate Heritage Partnership.

On Tuesday, May 25, the eve of Dynamo Day, Professor Welch will give a public talk at The Oak Hotel in Ramsgate, telling the story of Operation Dynamo.

■ BY TOM BETTS

An appeal has also been launched for any memories, memorabilia and artefacts the public may have in reference to this important moment in Britain's history.

This material will be looked after by the Ramsgate Heritage Partnership with the help of the University of Kent.

Professor Welch said: "This will be a major oral history project for the University of Kent. Many details of the civilian side of Operation Dynamo were never written down, and memories might be fading. The timing of this could not be better."

Alexander Thomson, chairman of the Ramsgate Heritage Partnership said: "We are honoured and delighted to have such a distinguished historian on board. It means the contribution of civilians to Operation Dynamo in Ramsgate and all along the Kent coast, will be well recorded, with personal artefacts and letters well looked after."

Eight hundred civilian boats took part in Operation Dynamo – they became known as "The Little Ships".

Fifty of those which survived will be returning to Ramsgate on Wednesday, May 26, before they set sail for Dunkirk the next morning, escorted by the Royal Navy and the RNLI.

Throughout the day events taking place around the harbour and surrounding area.

## Feet on the street

The calm of a Saturday morning was interrupted in Ramsgate town centre at the weekend.

A group of 40 dancers hit the street after just two hours' rehearsal to entertain townspeople with a seven-minute routine.

The Ramsgate Arts Festival Group held its second impromptu street dance to publicise the upcoming Summer Squall event.

It was also designed to highlight the importance of keeping the streets clean and having civic pride.

Sue Kennedy from the organisation said: "It was really great today as we had lots of youngsters turn up to take part. A lot of new people turned up, too."

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## Getting down to business

A FREE business support and networking breakfast will be held by the Channel Chamber of Commerce tomorrow (Thursday).

The breakfast begins at 7.30am at the Thanet Training and Support Centre, 161-165 High Street, Ramsgate.

It lasts until 9am, from when an open-day-style session will take place until 4pm.

Channel Chamber of Commerce and other business-support partners will be on hand throughout the day to provide advice on a wealth of subjects including access to finance, recruitment, training, public-sector tendering and chamber benefits and services.

You can also learn more about the Ultimate Business Network, how to access a £500 grant to cut your energy costs and more. All businesses are welcome.

To book a place, you can phone Tracy on 01303 270022 or email tracy.reynolds@channelchamber.co.uk.

## Scouting For Girls tickets

TICKETS are still available for next week's Scouting For Girls gig at Margate's Winter Gardens.

The band made the monster hits She's So Lovely, Elvis Ain't Dead, Heartbeat and This Ain't A Love Song.

Tickets for the gig, on Tuesday, May 18, cost £22.50 and are available from the box office on 01843 292795 or 296111.

The trio are fronted by the exuberant showman Roy Stride and have recently released their second album, Everybody Wants To Be On TV.

## Way to row for charities

SHOPPERS dug deep for two charities as 13 Kent Police students took to their rowing machines at Westwood Cross.

They raised more than £400 for the Starlight Foundation, which supports terminally-ill children and their families on Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25.

The team of trainee police officers from Maidstone exceeded their original plan to row 84km – the distance from Dover to Calais – and completed an impressive 100km.

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# Heroes return to the country they liberated



■ BY NICK AMES



**PIVOTAL ATTACK:** Operation Market Garden fills the skies and, right, paratroopers take a break in Arnhem

THIS week sees the 65th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland and up to 380 veterans who fought from the Normandy beaches on D-Day have crossed the Channel to mark the occasion.

A number of coachloads left the Port of Dover last week heading for the lands that they freed from the Nazis at the end of the Second World War.

The events in Holland are being coordinated by the Normandy Veterans Association, and Norfolkline supplied free transport for five coaches on its Dover-Dunkirk ferry service.

Peter Hodge, who raises funds for veterans, said: "It's brought back memories and we have been treated extremely well. The Dutch people appreciate what the Allied soldiers did.

"It is a very emotional occasion for everyone. In one village there was dancing in the streets

and many veterans received medals. We were also able to thank the Dutch Resistance, who helped many British and other Allied troops and airmen, and we were able to show it was a combined effort to liberate Holland."

Holland was liberated by Canadian troops, with the assistance of British and American armies, with the French also playing a part.

On May 5, 1945, the Canadian General Charles Foulkes and the German Commander-in-Chief, Johannes Blaskowitz, reached an agreement on the capitulation of German forces in Hotel De Wereld in Wageningen, Holland.

This followed Operation Market Garden, which saw airborne troops dropped on to vital bridges over the Rhine. The attack – one of the most famous of the war – was unable to secure the bridge at Arnhem.

But last week, the British veterans who did liberate the Dutch were applauded for their heroism at several events, including a service

in the village of Zutphen. They were joined by Canadian and Belgian veterans who had assisted in the liberations.

There was also a group from the Dutch Resistance, who sheltered airmen who had been shot down. Those who were caught harbouring Allied troops risked their own lives.

After the liberation in 1945, Liberation Day was commemorated every five years. Finally, in 1990, the day was declared to be a national holiday when the liberation would be commemorated and celebrated every year.

On May 4 each year, the Dutch hold the Remembrance of the Dead event for the people who have fought and died during the 1939-45 conflict and wars in general.

There is a remembrance gathering in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam and at the National Monument on the Dam Square in Amsterdam.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### MARK HURST



**Q** How long have you been connected with the town?

**A** I was born in Headcorn, a long time ago! I did most of my growing up in Hampshire and have now returned to my roots.

**Q** When did you become a vet?

**A** I have worked as a vet for 20 years, since qualifying from the Royal Veterinary College in 1990. I worked originally in West Sussex in a mixed practice before returning to work at the RVC for a year's internship. After this I worked at a veterinary hospital in Essex for eight years before coming to Ashford in 2000, where I have worked at the Barrow Hill Veterinary Hospital since. Over the past 20 years I have developed my interests in diagnostic imaging and surgery.

**Q** How did your interest in animals begin?

**A** Strangely, my interest in becoming a vet stems from when I was about seven years old and I picked up a lizard in the school playground. Its tail fell off and a friend said that if I was a vet I could put that back on.

**Q** What have been your most memorable experiences in the profession - good and bad?

**A** My most memorable experience was a few years ago when I worked in Essex. I saw a

puppy with a heart defect whose owner could not afford to see a specialist.

I managed to persuade my boss to let me operate for free, rather than put her to sleep. The operation was a great success, although the puppy didn't show any gratitude and bit me when I took her stitches out.

The worst part of the job is the long hours and the days when, try as you might, there are some animals that just won't get better.

**Q** Do Ashford people look after their animals well?

**A** I think that the animals I see here in Ashford are by and large as well looked after as anywhere else I have worked. There are always some animals that could be looked after better, but the majority of ones that I see are brought to me because their owners care.

**Q** Do you think pet insurance is vital these days?

**A** Pet insurance is a useful thing to have. It does two things, to my mind. The first is to enable you to afford the best treatment possible for your pet, which may mean specialist treatment or ongoing medication. The other is that if your pet is ill, it takes away another major source of concern for you at that time.

Anyone who works with the general public will tell you that people are more demanding of wanting the best. This isn't unreasonable, but it comes at a cost.

**Q** Do you think that dogs and cats should be registered?

**A** Registration of pets is a hot topic. I am on the fence at the moment. It is not the people who would register their animals whose pets are causing the problems, and I am not in favour of penalising responsible pet-owners. A form of permanent identification is a very good idea. This is why we are offering free identity-chipping to all animals registering for the VIP discount scheme at Barrow Hill Veterinary Hospital in Ashford.

**Q** What would you say to someone thinking of becoming a vet?

**A** I would say: try to spend some time at a vet's surgery. Get a feel for the type of work this involves. If you think it's about stroking puppies and kittens, you may be in for a shock. It is a demanding profession to get into and a demanding job to do. When you get it right, I don't think you could get more job satisfaction doing anything else.

**Q** How do you spend your spare time?

**A** I have two children, of whom I am immensely proud, and I spend as much time with them as I can. My biggest stress relief is getting out on one of my bikes for a few hours, trying to find some hills to climb, although my friends tell me I seem to spend most of my time decorating.

**Q&A**

The vet from Barrow Hill Veterinary Hospital in Ashford talks to **Jenny Armstrong** about how he became interested in animal medicine, the best and worst parts of his job, and how he cycles up hills to beat stress

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## Archives to move

BUILDING work for the new Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone is under way and so are preparations for moving the county's documents, photographs, images, maps and records when it opens in 2012.

Staff and a team of volunteers at the Centre for Kentish Studies at County Hall, Maidstone, will be working hard to list, clean and repack the collections ready for the big move.

There will be a series of short closures at the Centre for Kent Studies in Maidstone and the East Kent Archive Centre in Dover. The first will be from Monday, May 31, to Friday, June 11, at both centres.

## Summer of walking

EXPLORE Kent is aiming to organise one of the biggest and best walking festivals in the country this summer.

Explore Kent has worked with walking groups and guided-walk leaders across the county, including the North Kent Walking Festival, Gravesham Heritage Festival and Thanet Walking Festival.

Those interested can phone 08458 247 600 for full details.

## KCC's winning staff

TWO young members of staff at Kent County Council have beaten off national competition to scoop this year's Young English County Council Of The Year Award.

Tom Marsh and Daniel Vokes defeated 18 other teams to take the category title and also finished in third place overall at the Young Local Authority Of The Year Awards 2010, held in Lancaster.

# Town Rolls out celebrations for famous flight

■ BY NICK AMES

PREPARATIONS have started for a celebration that will see a unique parade of makes of the world's most famous car.

Dover is set to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first non-stop return flight across the Channel by Charles Rolls, and the town's many local connections with the iconic Rolls-Royce company, with a special centenary celebration on Sunday, June 6.

Dover District Council and Dover Town Council are organising free events to mark the centenary and are welcoming this as a prestigious opportunity for the area. The event is being supported by Rolls-Royce Plc.

Events lined up by the district council include a display of up to 100 historic and new Rolls-Royce cars on Dover seafront, organised in partnership with the South East section of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club.

There will also be the chance to see Charles Rolls's only surviving car, an original 8hp Panhard Levassor, which he brought to one of the UK's earliest shows at Crabble Athletic Ground in 1899.

An exhibition at Dover Museum from June to September and the statue of CS Rolls on Dover seafront will be refurbished and rededicated on June 6.

This year is the centenary of the first non-stop return flight across the English Channel, from Dover to Calais and back, by Charles Rolls.

The internationally-renowned Rolls-Royce company had many other local connections with the Dover area.

Henry Royce and his engineers were based in St Margaret's between 1913 and 1917, where they developed the first Rolls-Royce aero engines.

Claude Johnson, the first managing director of Rolls-Royce, had a weekend house for many years in Kingsdown.

From 1908 until just after the First World War, Palmer's of Dover – later Jenkins and Pain – was one of a few select coach-building companies providing bodywork for Rolls-Royce cars.

Paul Watkins, leader of Dover District



**HISTORIC CLEAN-UP:** The statue of Charles Rolls in Dover is being renovated for the special centenary event in June

Council, said: "This is a prestigious opportunity to showcase the district.

"We are delighted to be able to host these events to mark the centenary of Rolls's historic flight and to celebrate the many connections between Dover and the iconic Rolls-Royce company."

The event is sure to bring thousands of visitors to the town and will be a welcome boost for local businesses.

The Mayor of Dover, Sue Jones, said: "Dover can yet again enjoy the benefits of a free event thanks to its strategic position as the place aviation pioneers chose to exhibit their bravery.

"Our thanks go to everyone who is supporting the event."



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# A future for our wild places

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

KENT'S wildlife should be better protected against potentially harmful developments like 'Boris Island', says the RSPB.

The charity believes that conservation should be about more than just nature reserves and should instead be about the entire landscape, putting the environment at the heart of every planning issue.

It has identified the Thames estuary as the first of several planned 'Futurescape' regions, which would involve the RSPB teaming up with other conservation groups, businesses, local authorities and communities to protect animals and plants.

Such a partnership could spell the end for controversial proposals like Boris Island – London mayor Boris Johnson's idea for a floating airport off the coast of Sheppey.

"Wrecking the best places we've got isn't a terribly good place to start," said RSPB spokesman Andre Farrar.

"Proposals like Boris Island would rip the heart out of the Thames estuary. Those behind plans like this are harking back to older ways of thinking that don't deliver for the Thames, and would be hugely damaging to nature that is already in decline.

"It's a habitat that occurs in very few places in the world, so we have a huge responsibility to ensure we put the future of these very special places at the heart of decision-making."

The RSPB owns or manages 40 square kilometres of land for wildlife on the Thames and has spent more than £50 million regenerating sites around the estuary.



WINGED WONDERS: Bar-tailed godwits, above, and avocets are among the regular visitors to the Thames estuary

The Thames is listed as the UK's fifth most important site for waterbirds in the UK.

In 2002 the charity joined other campaigners in defeating the Government's plans for an estuary airport at Cliffe and is working with developers to ensure that the Thames Gateway project benefits wildlife and residents alike.

The RSPB is also campaigning against the Lydd airport expansion programme, fearing that emission of nitrogen from planes will drastically change the local biology.

Mr Farrar said: "This year is the international year of biodiversity, but we now know that the decline in wildlife globally and in the UK is

continuing, so governments have failed to keep a promise they made a decade ago.

"As a nation we need to look hard at how we can improve the situation. We've seen some great successes, like stopping the Cliffe airport, but more needs to be done.

"Futurescapes are about working with local authorities to manage wildlife better and to ensure conservation is not an afterthought."

Other areas identified as possible RSPB Futurescapes include the Wiltshire chalk grasslands, the Humberside Levels, the North Wales Moors and the tidal zone of the Inner Forth.



## Cruise ship ready for maiden voyage

ONE of the finest cruise ships to take to the high seas is calling at Dover this week to prepare for its maiden voyage.

The Saga ship is aimed at the over-50s, and Saga Cruises was recently voted the best UK cruise line by Which? magazine.

Saga Pearl II, departs from Dover for the first time on Friday. The company says the ship will offer 446 passengers an intimate cruise environment and a high crew-to-staff ratio.

The ship's £20 million refit in Swansea saw the creation of balcony cabins, a show lounge, a spa and two swimming pools.

A company spokesman said: "Saga passengers will be able to enjoy one of the best libraries afloat, with 3,400 books, and the elegant Veranda Restaurant offers superb gastronomic feasts.

"Saga Pearl II has the classical ambience that customers enjoy, without casinos, climbing-walls and children's clubs."

Susan Hooper, chief executive of Saga Holidays, said: "The Saga Pearl II is a lovely mid-sized ship offering an intimate atmosphere in a beautiful contemporary design and superb service.

"Each one of her voyages from Dover promises a focus on classic interesting destinations combined with some hidden gems closer to home."

# Getting that sinking feeling?

LARGE areas of countryside in east Kent could become submerged due to rising sea levels, according to Kent environmental campaigner Geoff Meaden.

His research shows that sea levels are rising at a yearly rate of almost one centimetre.

Dr Meaden said: "Nearly a third of east Kent is likely to sink below the waves by 2020.

"Given the accelerating rate of sea-level rise within the first half of this century, we will see a desperate struggle to maintain most of the land between Deal and Sandwich."

The issues of flooding in the area have been highlighted by campaigners calling for better drainage in Deal.

## Submerged

Earlier this year, Environment Agency teams were called in to reinforce sea defences during a period of severe weather, which saw storm surges on the beaches.

The BBC's Inside Out programme reported in 2008 that the South East could face a coastal crisis in future decades.

If such a scenario did occur, much of Kent could become submerged, while Thanet would become an island cut off from the mainland.

Dr Meaden suggests that sea defences need to be strengthened to reduce the likelihood of flooding.

"Unless very substantial extra funding is spent on wider, deeper and stronger sea defences, then breaching of the defences is much more likely and the potential for flooding is enhanced," he said.

However, the public have become sceptical in recent years over the impact of global warming.

In a survey conducted by Cardiff University, four in ten people believe that experts are uncertain about the extent to which our climate is changing, while the number of sceptics over

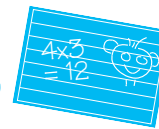


UNDER WATER: Scenes like this could become commonplace in east Kent if Dr Geoff Meaden's predictions are accurate

five years has doubled, while official statistics show that UK greenhouse-gas emissions have been decreasing.

Friends of the Earth executive director Andy Atkins said: "Figures suggest that UK emissions have fallen more in one year than in all

the other years of the Labour government put together. The UK must now strengthen its targets for tackling climate change by pledging to cut its emissions by at least 42 per cent by 2020, based on 1990 levels, and to achieve it without offsetting."



## BREAK TIME



**NEW EXPERIENCES:** The students took part in a number of outdoor activities while away in Wales

## Boys learn teamwork on outdoor challenge

SCHOOLBOYS from Ramsgate have taken part in mountaineering and kayaking in Snowdonia.

The group of 15-year-olds was based at the Kent Mountain Centre in Llanberis at the foot of Mount Snowdon in North Wales.

The five-day trip for students from the Ellington and Hereson School also included rock-climbing, gorge-walking and using a zip-wire. Evening pursuits included indoor rock-wall-climbing, swimming and night-time orienteering.

Graham Medhurst, outdoor education teacher, has been overseeing trips to the KCC centre for 15 years.

He said: "It is a fantastic experience for the boys. As well as all the activities, they learn about teamwork and social skills, which is very important."

# Pupils to elect a new head

LEADERSHIP has been very much in the news of late – as you might have noticed.

The General Election saw contenders vying for the job of leading the country.

Not to be outdone, though, staff and pupils at Holy Trinity School in Margate are also getting into the swing of things and will vote for one pupil to become the school's head-teacher for a day.

Holy Trinity, which already has an active school council, prides itself in preparing its pupils for all aspects of life, and fully participating in the decision-making process is one important part.

Head-teacher Heather Kemp said: "The innovative idea arose at our staff meeting. It

■ BY TOM BETTS

will show children that participating in the democratic process is very important and can bring real benefits."

Over the next couple of weeks, four candidates will come from each one of the four school houses.

They will then get their chance to put their manifesto and ideas to school assemblies of the whole school on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25-26.

Like the Prime Ministerial TV debates, pupils will get the chance to grill the candidates before a secret ballot of the school.

The four hopeful candidates will then suffer a nervous wait for the result of the count to see who will be head-teacher the following day.

Mrs Kemp said: "Whilst, obviously, there will be limits to what any pupil can decide to change during a single day, this is not a gimmick. The elected pupil will be able to address the assembly and take all appropriate decisions."

"They will be given access to my office by my deputy head, who will also explain what they have to do during the day."

"I think they will get a very hands-on picture of what managing a school is really like."

Mrs Kemp will then take the place of the pupil for the day and will have to do all the same work and even have to participate in playtime with the children.

She said: "I am looking forward to it. I already think I have a very good idea of what it is like to be a pupil in my school, but after being a pupil for the day I will be able to say I definitely know!"

# International success for young athletes

A TRIO of athletes from Chatham House Grammar School in Ramsgate recorded outstanding performances in the World Schools Biathlon.

Year 9 students Charlie Gambrell, Alex Kirkpatrick and Ben Pond took part in the invitational event at Medway Park, which also hosted the UK stage of the world pentathlon championships on the same day.

Ben came third in his age group, also achieving the fastest swim with a personal best time of 1:00.40.

Charlie finished fourth in the same age group, while Alex competed in the next age-group up and also achieved fourth place.



The boys were presented with their medals by German Modern Pentathlon Olympic gold-medallist

Lena Schöneborn. They also got to meet members of the British pentathlon team.

In the spring at the British Biathlon Championships at Crystal Palace the boys won the team bronze, losing out on silver by the narrow margin of 16 points.

That equates to approximately two seconds in the running stage, showing what a fantastic achievement they pulled off to finish third in the country.

Head of school Andy Williamson said: "These are superb performances in tough competitions."

In September the trio will be competing in the first Thanet Secondary Schools Triathlon.

The event includes swimming, running and cycling and will be held at Hartsdown Technology College in Margate.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### HS1 service big blow for police officers

I am amazed and infuriated by the High Speed 1 train service, which is too expensive.

The hypocrites who put this project together are claiming that there is lack of demand for the service, but this is hogwash.

There is plenty of demand and I believe it's increasing.

The expense of HS1 and the fact that police don't get the usual subsidised travel on it has been a huge blow to me.

I can only see my house at weekends. HS1 has robbed Thanet of a much-needed lift in its housing market and development on the South East coast.

Tony, Broadstairs  
comment on [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk)

### Cancer doesn't stop the bills coming in

Money worries should be the last thing on your mind following a cancer diagnosis, but in fact patients tell Macmillan Cancer Support that they're second only to pain in causing them stress and anxiety.

Macmillan knows that unfortunately the bills don't stop just because you are ill and so provides benefits-advisers in local communities and calls for a better financial deal for people affected by cancer.

But sometimes more immediate relief is called for and that's why the charity gave out more than £203,989 to 632 people in Kent last year, specifically to help those who were struggling to pay their bills after a cancer diagnosis.

Our grants can make a real difference to someone with cancer in desperate need, but they cannot be a permanent solution.

That's where our local Macmillan benefits-advisers and phone-line can help. Cancer can have a devastating effect on people's finances, especially if they have to give up work.

There is money in the Government pot, but people don't always know it's available or are reluctant to claim.

Often people are too ill to fill out long and complicated claim forms.

In 2009, Macmillan gave out almost £9 million in grants to more than 27,000 people nationally.

This means that every week more than 400 people receive a grant from Macmillan.

Most people who claim for grants need money for fuel bills, followed closely by a need for new clothes.

Help with the cost of getting to hospital and parking is the third biggest issue, but the charity also gives money for household items, such as washing-machines, to make life easier as well as items that help individuals continue with activities they enjoy.

For example, a grant was recently

## your blogger

Gary Wright says MPs would rather have a hung pParliament than let us decide their fate again soon



THE forecasters got it wrong, but the exit poll was spot on in predicting that the undecideds didn't have the bottle to vote LibDem and most of the 'newly-engaged' first-time voters couldn't actually be bothered to vote at all.

As I write, the LibDem Party is in its fourth day of negotiations with the Tories to form a majority government. Despite their inherent differences, it seems likely the two will find a way to work together.

David Cameron's Tories can taste power and will do whatever they need to secure Nick Clegg's support.

And by representing more than 60 per cent of the electorate, it's not a bad thing. Probably.

Electoral reform actually seems quite a good idea, although you could argue no one actually voted for it. When the election was announced, I celebrated the fact that for four weeks our voices would be heard.

As I said then, French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau summed up our system 250 years ago when he wrote the English are mistaken in thinking they are free: "It is free only during the election of Members of Parliament; as soon as the members are elected, the people is enslaved."

Now we are sidelined, though I rather admired the 1,000 or so protestors for PR who turned up outside LibDem HQ on Saturday. It's too late, though. MPs are elected – now they'll do as they like.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering, phone the editor, **Dave Mairs**, on 01303 817022, or email him on the details above.

If you want to be the next Thanet blogger, then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of about 550 words) and email it to the editor.

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given to a man with cancer of the larynx to help pay for a special swimming device so that he could still enjoy swimming after his operation.

The oldest Macmillan grant beneficiary in 2009 was a 102-year-old lady with breast cancer who was still managing to live independently despite her age and illness.

Sadly, help was also required for ten children who were less than a year old.

If you or a family member have been diagnosed with cancer and you are struggling financially, you can phone Macmillan free on 0808 808 0000 or visit [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk) for financial information and support and to find out what help is available near you.

Richard Shaw  
Macmillan

### The English are an endangered race

Very soon this country will not be ours. The politicians are giving everything away to the EU and are destroying our national identity by mass immigration.

Our industries – cars, steel, coal, ship-building, fishing, textiles, aviation...

Everything that provided millions of jobs and apprenticeships has been decimated or shipped abroad and thrown many on the scrapheap – yet thousands of immigrants are

pouring into this country every week. Why? Where are the jobs for your children, let alone your grandchildren, coming from as they compete against cheap labour and our industries sold abroad?

It isn't extreme to give our country and industries away, only extreme when the British National Party opposes it.

A vote for the Liberal Democrats, Labour or the Conservatives was a vote for the real extremists – they are traitors to this country.

Our utilities and big-name firms have been sold off to foreign companies and now more than half of Britain is owned by overseas investors.

When are you going to wake up and realise that the old gang have been giving away all that Britain has fought and died for? When there's nothing left?

In 1992, Jack Straw said: "The English as a race are not worth saving."

If people don't wake up very soon, I will begin to believe him.

Harry Williams (BNP electoral candidate)  
Hythe

### Bullied motorists are fighting back

Read any central government literature on transport and the whole emphasis is on getting people out of their cars and on to public transport.

To achieve this aim, the

Government has let the road system fall into decay, parking is made ever-more difficult and the constant downgrading of speed limits and enforcement is essential.

So if drivers look for 'loopholes' in the way speed limits are enforced, can the camera partnerships really complain?

Everybody knows the whole thing is a farce, from those that pass the laws in Parliament to those that enforce it and to those that pass sentence on you in a court of law.

They are just a bunch of hypocrites as they drive at the same speed as everybody else.

Good, safe and courteous driving practice is what we should be focusing on, but that requires some form of skill to enforce, whereas speed-limit enforcement can be done by any halfwit. For example, we have the Speedwatch vigilantes scribbling down registration numbers.

Various highway authorities have a legal duty to maintain speed-limit signs, which they have failed to do, therefore many speed limits are being knowingly enforced illegally.

Go on the internet and there are hundreds of cases where camera partnerships have known full well that they are acting illegally but have only 'owned up' when somebody has taken them to court.

Only last year new legislation was brought in that even if drivers won their case, they would no longer be entitled to recover all their costs.

With the threat of horrendous

court costs, it is no wonder that people are being bullied into paying up. So why not fight back where you can?

Only a couple of years ago in Kent, it was reported that a member of the police was suspended over a "procedural" matter and more than 120 speeding cases were dropped.

Is this information freely available (or any similar errors) on the police or camera-partnerships websites so we can all see this was investigated openly and all those wrongly convicted had their convictions quashed?

Is it any wonder that people have lost faith in Government and its institutions when all we see is deceit, cover-ups and state bullying.

Terry Hudson  
Herne Bay

### Alan puts the kettle on for Blue Cross

I am writing to invite animal-loving readers to take part in a national tea-party fund-raiser this spring and summer in aid of The Blue Cross pet charity.

The Blue Cross Tea Party combines the best of British – our love of tea and pets.

To take part, all you need to do is hold a tea-party with friends, family or anyone you like and ask your guests to make a donation in return for tea and delicious edibles.

Your party can be as lavish or as modest as you like and if, like me, you're partial to a spot of gardening, what better way to show off those blooms than with a garden party!

Every penny you raise will go towards the tireless work carried out at Blue Cross veterinary hospitals and animal-adoption centres across the country.

As someone who has always had a variety of pets, I know what love and company they can bring, and I'm proud to be supporting an organisation that helps to keep pets and people together.

So go on, pop the kettle on, have a brew and help a wonderful charity save the lives of animals in need.

To register for a free event-pack and to find out more, please visit [www.bluecrosssteaparty.org.uk](http://www.bluecrosssteaparty.org.uk) or phone 08444 993 663.

Alan Titchmarsh MBE  
The Blue Cross

### No mystery as to Clegg's poor show

With regard to the failure of Nick Clegg to build on his early promise in the election campaign, I would suggest the LibDems' policy of amnesty for illegal immigrants had something to do with it.

That idea failed in Italy as illegal-immigrant numbers increased greatly in the following years.

It was topped by Mr Clegg's remark to a heckler shown on TV when he asked "How do you find illegal immigrants?"

If he doesn't know that, should he really be a party leader?

Michel, Margate  
comment on [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk)



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Prison is  
one of  
many in  
the county



## Overcrowded jails 'in crisis'

A PENAL-reform charity has criticised the justice system after figures revealed that prisons are overcrowded by more than 100 per cent.

HMP Canterbury, which contains only foreign prisoners, was listed at number nine in the top 20 most overpopulated prisons in England and Wales.

The report, by the Howard League For Penal Reform, showed the jail was certified for use for 195 prisoners but the population in March 2010 was 303.

Frances Crook, director of the charity, called it a "crisis", adding: "Overcrowding results in fewer resources being available for each prisoner."

"Consequently, prison services focus on maintenance of basic amenities more than reintegration and security, more than purposeful activity and rehabilitation."

A total of 80 prisons out of the 139 in England and Wales are overpopulated, with some 19,000 inmates sharing cells designed for just one person. On average, prisons are overcrowded by 111 per cent.

A spokesman from the prison service said the Ministry of Justice was unable to comment on HMP Canterbury.

He said: "Since April, 2007, over 7,500 places have been delivered under the capacity programme."

# Girls just want to raise funds

■ BY MARIJKE COX

THE voices of 100 Kent women and a host of celebrities have hit the airwaves in a bid to top the charts and raise money for cancer research.

Music moguls hope their remake of 1980s classic Girls Just Want to Have Fun will reach number one as millions of women take to the streets in this year's 5km Race For Life, which is being held at towns across the UK over the next three months.

As the country's largest female-only event, the campaign, led by Cancer Research UK, has raised more than £300 million since it first launched in 1994. And this year, as well as gearing up for Kent's six Race For Life events, 100 women lent their voices for the new charity single, released earlier this month.

Some of those involved in the recording, which took place at Bluewater in February, have had their own struggles with cancer.

They feature alongside 20 celebrities, including actress Caroline Quentin, glamour model Danielle Lloyd, TV presenter Zoe Salmon and actress and singer Kym Marsh.

DJ Sonique – famous for her number-one hit It Feels So Good – also took part, stepping back into the limelight following her own battle with



**GIRLS ALOUD:** Singing for charity during the recording session at Bluewater are Carol Decker from 80s band T'Pau, Su-Elise Nash from former girlband Mis-Teeq and Lisa Scott-Lee, former Steps member; right is Caroline Quentin

breast cancer. The singer has just finished six weeks of radiotherapy after three operations to remove a cancerous lump.

The 41-year-old said: "Knowing the single features women who, like me, have been directly affected by cancer, as well as hundreds of women from across the UK, makes me feel extremely proud."

"Recording the single was so much fun and meeting other women who wanted to do their bit to help the cause was really inspirational."

"I hope this inspires people to buy the track



and inspires every woman, whether they want to walk, jog or run, to sign up for Race For Life this year too."

Race For Life is now in its 17th year, with more than 700,000 people taking part last year and £60m raised for Cancer Research UK's life-saving work.

To sign up for an event in your area or for more information about the single, priced at 79 pence for download, go to [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org).

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## DAY & NIGHT

### City hosts climate fair

FIND out how our planet is changing at Canterbury Climate Fair this weekend.

Stalls, entertainers and Fairtrade and organic stalls can be found along The Parade and St George's Street. The event, organised by Greenpeace, runs from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday. For details visit [findwww.canterburyclimatefair.org](http://findwww.canterburyclimatefair.org).

### Relax to choral music

ENJOY an evening of sacred choral music when Cantate Chamber Choir performs in Broadstairs on Sunday.

The choir will sing works by Bruckner, Stanford and John Rutter at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Broadstairs Road at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6. For details of Cantate visit [www.cantate-thanet.co.uk](http://www.cantate-thanet.co.uk).

### Trio to play the classics

SARAH Thorne spring classical concerts continue with a performance on piano, violin and cello.

Peter Hewitt, Peter Fisher and Peter Adams will play classics by Haydn, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs at 3pm on Sunday. Tickets cost £8/£5. Call 0845 262 6263 or email [info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk). Non-members must book at least 24 hours in advance.

### Biggins is belle of ball

CHRISTOPHER Biggins will be the special guest auctioneer at Demelza House's May Ball on Saturday.

Held at Eastwell Manor near Ashford, the event will raise funds for the Kent children's hospice. Tickets, at £100, include Champagne and a three-course dinner. Call Sarah on 01795 845204, email [sarah.taylor@demelza.org.uk](mailto:sarah.taylor@demelza.org.uk) or visit [www.demelza.org.uk](http://www.demelza.org.uk).

### Boogie party with Pete

CHILDREN are invited to a party with TV favourite Boogie Pete on Sunday.

Pete Hillier, from the BAFTA-winning TV series Boogie Beebies, hosts Partytime, for children aged two and above. The show is at Quarterhouse, Folkestone at 2.30pm and tickets cost £8 or £28 for families. Call 01303 858500 or visit [www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk).

### Classic cars and beer

HUNDREDS of vehicles will be on display this weekend at the Faversham Classic Car and Motorcycle Show.

The show is in the town centre on Sunday and information can be found online at [www.faversham.org.uk](http://www.faversham.org.uk). Visitors can also take a tour of Shepherd Neame brewery. To book visit [www.shepherdneame.co.uk](http://www.shepherdneame.co.uk) or call 01795 542016.

### Don't miss Swan Lake

VIENNA Festival Ballet returns to Margate on Sunday with Swan Lake.

Danced to Tchaikovsky's unforgettable music, Swan Lake can be seen at the Winter Gardens at 5pm. Tickets cost £17/£15 for adults, £8 for children and £7.50 for dance schools. To book call 01843 292795/296111 or visit [www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk).



# A night out with Jools and friends

## JOOLS HOLLAND

Saturday, June 12, Winter Gardens, Margate.



GET ready to boogie on down to Thanet next month when the inimitable Jools Holland pays a visit.

With his famous Rhythm and Blues Orchestra, Holland's live shows have become must-see events for fans of toe-tapping, hip-swinging music.

In recent years, Holland has performed to four million people and his concerts have become an annual event for many people, who cannot get enough of the band's excellent musicianship. A party atmosphere pervades at all their shows and June's concert is sure to get the summer off to a swinging start.

Some very special guests join Holland for the concert at the Winter Gardens, including singer Alison Moyet. With her distinctive, soul-infused voice, Moyet became a big star in the 80s as one half of Yazoo and went on to enjoy considerable solo success. The other guest vocalists will be Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall, and former Squeeze drummer Gilson Lavis will also be performing.

Born in south east London in 1958, Holland soon revealed himself to be a prodigious musical talent and by the time he was eight, he

could play the piano fluently by ear. During his early teens he began his performing career in London pubs, although his first steps to success came when he formed Squeeze at the age of just 15.

Along with Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford, he achieved extraordinary success, and hits such as Up The Junction and Cool For Cats still enjoy radio airplay today. Squeeze became popular in America and the band performed at the iconic Madison Square Garden.

During his days with Squeeze, Holland formed a lasting professional relationship with drummer Gilson Lavis, with whom he is still working today.

The pair became the first members of the Jools Holland Big Band, formed in 1987, which eventually became the 20-piece Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra. Now a staple part of many fans' annual music calendar, the orchestra is always in demand and the highlight of many a festival.

Alongside his career as a musician, Holland has also become a TV presenter and broadcaster. He made his first foray into presenting when he interviewed The Police for a documentary in the early 80s and then auditioned for The Tube, a youth culture show which soon became cult viewing.

With his co-presenter Paula Yates, Holland helped to highlight countless new musicians

and comedians. His role as champion of new and diverse music continues today with his popular BBC series Later...With Jools Holland, on which established and more obscure artists have the chance to shine. The programme's Hootenanny is now a regular part of New Year's Eve celebrations, as unmissable as his live performances.

His highlights as an interviewer include a rare meeting with jazz legend Miles Davis in 1986 and Holland bears the unique honour of having performed with musicians who have achieved success in every decade of the 20th century.

Holland has also contributed to the film industry, with appearances in Spice World and Me & Orson Welles, and collaborated with Eddi Reader on tracks for the latter film. As a presenter he has fronted documentaries on American music and interviewed some of his own heroes, such as Fats Domino, Dr John and Lee Dorsey.

For his multimillion-selling series of recordings Jools and Friends, Holland has worked with a diverse array of artists from Sting, George Harrison and Eric Clapton to Sugababes, KT Tunstall and Norah Jones.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £32.50. To book visit the website at [www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk) or call the box office on 01843 292795/296111.





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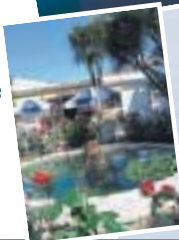
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With the theme Tales of Bohemia, this year's festival fea-



tures works by Czech composers such as Janacek, Smetana, Suk and Dvorak. Their special guests include pianist Alisdair Beatson, violinist Jiri Zigmund and the Badke Quartet.

One highlight will be a performance of Janacek's second quartet, Intimate Letters, with a new literary overture by playwright Justin Pearson. Based on Janacek's love letters to his muse, Kamila Stösslová, the overture will be performed by actor Timothy West.

For full programme details visit [www.sacconi.com/festival](http://www.sacconi.com/festival) or call the Quarterhouse box office on 01303 858500.



## FALCONRY DISPLAYS

Every Sunday, Doddington Place Gardens, Doddington

VISITORS now have even more to enjoy at Doddington Place Gardens since the arrival of some special new residents.

Birds of prey can now be seen in the skies above the property, since a group of the stunning creatures moved to Doddington from Leeds Castle. The birds are owned and managed by The Hawking Centre and the new arrivals will offer even more interest for visitors.

Every Sunday at 3pm, visitors can enjoy a falconry demonstration and learn more about these fascinating creatures, as well as witnessing them in graceful

flight. Doddington Place resident Amicia Oldfield spoke of her delight at seeing the birds of prey as they dive and swoop.

"The birds seem to be very well-trained," she said. "The tea room is just next to the place where they do the display, but I'm glad to say we haven't had any buzzards swooping down upon the chocolate cake."

Doddington Place Gardens are open from 2-5pm, every Sunday and bank holiday Monday until the end of September. Adult tickets cost £5.

Find out more at [www.doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk](http://www.doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk).

## 1940S WEEKEND

Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16  
Kent & East Sussex Railway, Tenterden

ALL aboard for a journey into the past as Kent and East Sussex Railways holds its annual 1940s event this weekend.

Discover what life was like in wartime Kent as passengers are shown how the railway's stations might have looked more than 60 years ago. With authentic 40s features such as sand bags and taped windows, the stations will be peopled by spivs, policemen and other wartime characters. Military and civilian vehicles will be on display and the Fire Service Preservation Society will demonstrate how the service dealt with blazes during World War Two.

Entertainment includes performances by 40s singer Fiona Harrison and toe-tapping dance demonstrations by the Cinque Port Lindy Hoppers, who will be grooving away in period costume on both days. There will be displays by the Lashenden Air Museum and the Hawker Hurricane Society, along with stalls showing custom-made 40s and 50s clothing and Cinque Ports Militaria.

For more information about the 1940s event, timetables and ticket prices, call 01580 765155 or visit the website at [www.kesr.org.uk](http://www.kesr.org.uk).



## MARK WATSON

Friday, June 4, Brake Hall, Ashford School,



ONE of the country's fastest rising comedians will be paying a visit to Ashford ahead of his nationwide tour this autumn.

Mark Watson is one of the most likeable characters on the comedy scene and his career is continuing to go from strength to strength. His appearances on television shows like Mock the Week and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow have spread his appeal even wider than the stand-up circuit, along with his adverts for Magners Pear Cider.

Watson began his comedy career in 2002 and immediately made a big impression, winning that year's Daily Telegraph Open Mic Competition. He went on to stage hugely successful shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, with his third visit resulting in sold-out performances every night of the run. As his profile rises, Watson has appeared at bigger and bigger events, such as hosting the NME Awards and appearing at the O2 Arena as part of Channel 4's Comedy Gala for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Tickets cost £12.50 and can be booked by calling 0871 220 0260 or visiting [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com).



## JANETTE GERI

Sunday, May 16, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



WITH her unforgettable voice and remarkable talent, Janette Geri is a performer who leaves a great impression on all her audiences.

Fans love her for the warmth she brings to her performances, along with her wicked sense of humour that gives concerts an added spark. Teamed with her mastery of the acoustic guitar, Geri possesses soaring vocals that captivate audiences and can evoke a wide variety of moods.

Showing a genius flair for interpretation, Geri is a very capable solo performer who is sure to give an unforgettable performance for her fans in Thanet.

With two new albums to showcase, Geri shows her versatility by performing both the old and new.

Telling Tales is a collection of traditional Celtic songs, reworked with Geri's contemporary touch, while The Bastard's Daughter features new original songs that take the listener on an intimate journey, exploring the path that leads us from loss to liberation. Both albums have attracted acclaim for the quality of her arrangements, vocals and musical textures.

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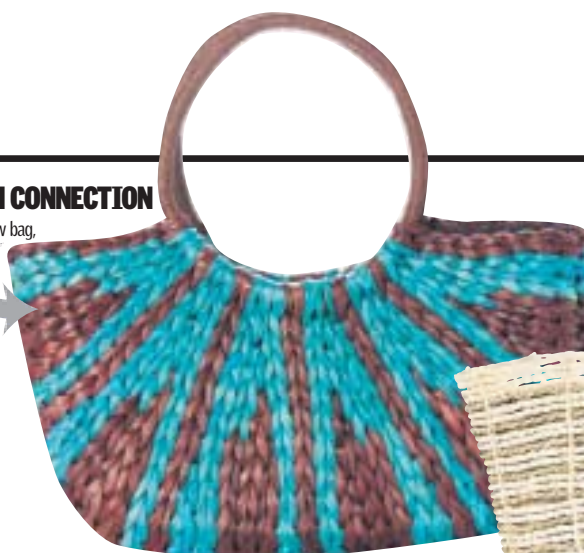
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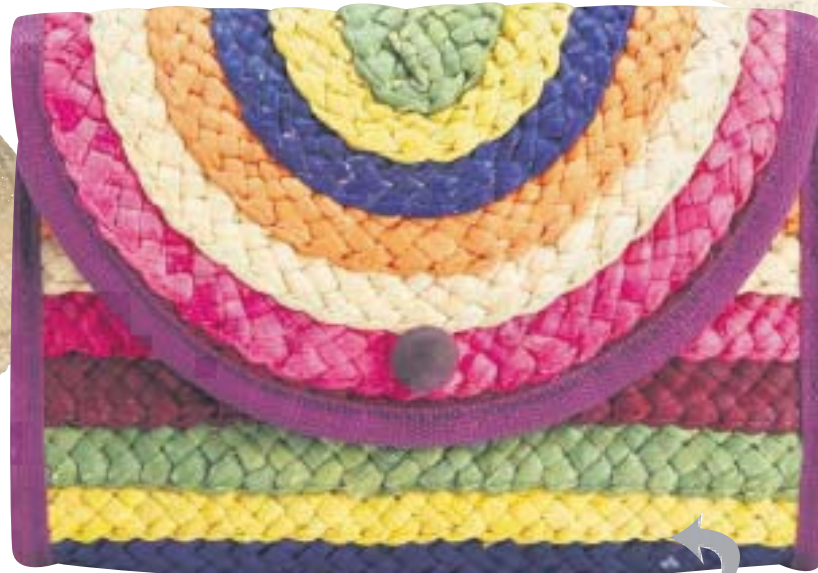


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## WOMEN seeking men

**WAITING FOR YOU** Oriental single mum, 25, easy-going, looking for a nice guy, similar age, for lasting happiness. Box 851890

**ARE YOU HER MAN OF THE MATCH?** Fun-to-be-with, football-loving, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

**THE ART OF THE MATTER** 27-year-old female, 5ft8, medium-curved build, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, W/LTM tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644

**STEP UP TO THE OCHE WITH ME!** Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

**FANCY A CUDDLE?** Loving single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5ft3, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury. Box 464326

**IS ANYONE OUT THERE?** 31yr old easygoing, independent female, W/LTM cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879931

**COULD I BE THE ONE?** Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walking, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464835

**HORSES FOR COURSES...** Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

**FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY FREE** Curvy brunette, 35, with green eyes, 5ft3, no ties, looking for an affectionate, and caring non-smoking guy to put the sparkle back into my life! Ashford. Box 849706

**SHREK'S APPEAL!** Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957

**HAPPY DAYS!** Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, W/LTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

**FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...** Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

**SEALED WITH A KISS** Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, walking, seeks loving, loyal man for friendship and more. Box 453079

**GROW OLD WITH ME** Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

**LOVE TO LOVE YOU** Lovely female, 36, 5'4", medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

**PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE** Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

**MAGIC IN MARGATE** Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, loving man, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

**FAMILY LIFE** Fun to be with woman, 39, I love life, drinks in, walks, family life etc. Looking for a similar man in the Canterbury area. Box 467392

**FAMILY ORIENTATED** Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, slim/medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

**DON'T LET ME DOWN** Pretty, black female, 38, 5ft4, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446684

**SHOW ME HEAVEN** Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area. With a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

**CUTE AS CAN BE** Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983



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**HAPPINESS, THE GREATEST GIFT...** Shy female, 40, 5ft9, blue eyes, short blonde hair, medium build, loves going out, wine and dining, holidays; seeking likewise gentleman to be happy with. Box 446763

**A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE** Lovely, glossy brunette, 33yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

**FOR A RELATIONSHIP?** Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

**CALL ME** Single, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells. I'm easygoing and fun loving and W/LTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481

**MANY INTERESTS** Hi, I'm based in Ashford and I'm looking for a nice guy in the area. I'm a single mum, 42 and enjoy cooking, and cosy nights. Box 468148

**IT COULD BE US** Professional, single woman, 42, easygoing and fun to be with, seeking a single, professional, solvent white male, 44-52 Tunbridge Wells. Box 798931

**BE MY FRIEND AND PARTNER** Hi there, I'm female, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes. I enjoy cinema, eating out etc and W/LTM genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 466612

**DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?** Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5ft9+. Box 461129

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**NEW TO THIS** Attractive single mum of 2, 43yrs old, 5ft1, medium build, GSOH, likes cooking, spending time with family & animals. W/LTM fun loving, kind, genuine man. Kent. Box 855182

**LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL** Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

**ANOTHER CHAPTER** Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

**HOW YOU DOING?** Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

**GET CLOSE** Funny, cheerful lady, 44, 5'6", curly hair, very social, likes walks and pubs. Looking for a cuddly and outgoing man for a close relationship. Faversham. Box 467518

**GENUINE REPLIES ONLY** Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

**POSSIBLE LTR** African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft5, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre. W/LTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617

**COME ON OVER** Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham. Box 854480

**GENIE IN A BOTTLE** Slim blue-eyed blonde, 47, 5ft4, attractive lover with no ties, very sociable, non-smoker, loves the countryside, seeking easygoing companion and soulmate. Box 468120

**YOUNG AT HEART** Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

**NOTHING VENTURED...** Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

**ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL** Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

**NORMAL GAL** Happy, 5ft7, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 48 and over 30 at must. Maidstone. Box 866380

**ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?** Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

**HELP ME OPEN UP** Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

**DREAM LOVER** Petite blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822

**MAKE IT ENJOYABLE** Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686

**ANY TAKERS?** Divorced single lady, 49, 5ft4, animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557

**BY MY SIDE** Curvy woman, 49, 5ft10, I enjoy being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, cross-words, and reading. Seeking kind, caring man in the Maidstone area. Box 466608

**ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING?** Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

**JUST IMAGINE** Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

**DON'T PASS ME BY** Petite brunette, 51, 5ft, likes live music, pubs and socialising, gsoh, seeking a like-minded male for a serious relationship. Hastings. Box 467807

**HERE AND NOW** Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

**LOVELY BUBBLY** Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsoh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

**WRITTEN IN THE STARS** Late 40's woman, likes picnics, the countryside, TV dramas, seeking a Pisces or Scorpio or Cancer male. Brighton. Box 468610

**IT COULD BE US** Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601

**LOVE AND LAUGHTER AND HAPPY TIMES** Petite woman, 53, with blonde/brown hair and blue eyes, 5'3", enjoys socialising, walking, cinema and generally having fun with a tall, honest man. Gillingham. Box 858610

**YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...** Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

**QUALITY TIME** 55 year old lady, 5ft8in, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, quite fit, enjoys the outdoors, lots of walking, politics, family time with the right man. Box 848381

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**SMART MOVE** Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

**MUST LOVE ANIMALS** Light-hearted lady, 57, light hair, blue eyes, 5ft3, enjoys baking, gardening and DIY, seeks romantic non-smoker for romance. Rochester. Box 468691

**LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!** Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

**DREAMS OF YOU** Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448595

**MUSIC TO MY EARS** Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

**WALKS ALONG THE COAST** Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

**BE YOURSELF** Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760

**BRIGHTENING UP** Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. W/LTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214

**HOMELY LADY** Easygoing lady, 61, 5ft1, walks, cosy nights, pubs meals etc. I'm hoping to meet someone for friendship, and then we'll see. Folkestone. Box 469693

**LOTS OF HUGS** Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft4, red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe. I enjoy art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

**SIMPLE PLEASURES** Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build. I love dancing, walking by the sea and W/LTM like minded gent. Box 459467

**OUTGOING LADY** Young looking lady, 62, 5ft6, blonde hair/hazel eyes. I have GSOH and like music, bowls, cinema country pubs. W/LTM man, 55-65 for friendship and more. Canterbury. Box 468269

**START A NEW CHAPTER** 64 year old widow, 5ft6, slim and fit, active and healthy, likes walks, theatre, gardening a social woman seeking similar non-smoking gent in Canterbury area. Box 467844

**LOVE ME DO** Loving and caring lady, 63, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, likes me time, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

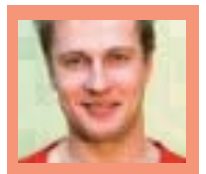
**YOUNG LOOKING** Sixty something, bubbly, outgoing, intelligent lady, looking for genuine friendship with like-minded male, love walks, talks, cinema, theatre or simply just chat. Maidstone. Box 799895

**A TOUCH OF CLASS** Professional woman, 73, smart and fun to be with, medium build, seeks an articulate, smart, independent man of class to share quality time. Kent. Box 468560

**Women seeking women**  
**MY HEART TO YOU** 37 year old gay female from Kent, dark brown eyes, dark hair, loves the outdoors and fresh air, gardening, DIY, seeks feminine lady for love. Box 467298

**LOVE TO LOVE** Easygoing female, 40, blue eyes, blonde hair, medium build, likes wine, dining, socialising, holidays, walks cinema; seeking like-similar female for companionship and more. Box 446953

**TAKE A CHANCE** Honest female, 43, 5ft2, medium build, fun-loving, likes clubs, pubs, eating out, nights in, looking for a female for friendship to start, hopefully a LTR. Rochester Box 466078



## MEN seeking women

**FOR LOVE** Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! Likes going/leaving out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

**FULL OF LIFE** Ashford man, 35, I'm single, no ties, and looking for a similar woman. I'm 6ft6, with blue eyes/brown hair and enjoy pubs/clubs, eating out etc. Box 467416

**BOTTLE OF WINE** Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft8, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

**CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?** Hi I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503

**HOP ON BOARD!** Average bloke, 38, shy! Seeks young lady, looks unimportant, single mums welcome. I love gardening and ring my moped. Sittingbourne. Box 468095

**THE GOOD LIFE** Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR and a reliable and football. Like together, with the right woman. Box 858113

**LOVE TO LAUGH** Looking for a love to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH...Hastings. Box 862208

**COME ON OVER TO MY PLACE** Fun-loving male, 40, 6ft, short dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys most things in life, seeks slim female size 10-12 who's reasonably good looking. Box 456889

**DO I ATTRACT YOU?** Happy go lucky single dad, 40, looking for a slim female, -size 12, to share good times and happiness with. Hutton Box 457738

**LOOK IN MY EYES** Romantic, fun-loving man, 40, 6ft tall, with dark hair and brown eyes, looking for a kind, considerate and romantic female. Maidstone. Box 459006

**IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS** Loving and caring male, 40, 5ft8, medium build, average looks, seeks outgoing, loving, caring person to find love with. Canterbury. Box 458290

**FISHING & CAMPING!** Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

**LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE!** Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, golf, summer/looking for loving companion. Box 450317

**MAKE YOUR MARK** Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair, blue eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

**COME ON OVER** Professional personal trainer, 42, 5ft10, green eyes, brown hair, athletic, seeking a female, 25-45, for fun times and friendship. Chatham. Box 468675

**FUN & OUTGOING!** Young at heart 44yr old male, stocky build, 5ft10, Kent based, father, honest and down-to-earth, likes music, nights in, walking the dog, seeks genuine lady. Box 851804

**GOT A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR?** Malcolm, 43, dark-haired, 5ft10, spent a long time on the shelf so looking for chats, friendship and maybe more with a film and music fan. Box 451581

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**GSOH ESSENTIAL** American male, 44, loves playing the guitar, looking for a decent female with a sense of fun about them. Brighton Box 461140

**LOOKING FOR LOVE?** Easygoing guy with wicked SOH, 45, 5ft11, slim-medium build, blue eyes and fair hair, loves animals, pubs and more, seeks loving lady for romance. E Sussex. Box 468369

**CHEEK TO CHEEK** Hard working gent, 45, slim, 6ft, looking for full time relationship with a cinema, bowling and film lover! Gillingham. Box 468396

**MAKE A MOVE** Single dad, 45, white, likes cooking, gardening, and a passion for Reggae music, seeking a black woman for friendship and romance. Folkestone area. Box 468542

**MUSIC LOVER** Richard here, I'm 45, very loving, and I like holidays, listening to music, theatre, cooking, cinema, museums and restaurants. You? Ashford. Box 467883

**EASY TO LOVE** Margate male, 46, tall and slim, easy-going, enjoy cinema, socialising and sport, looking for a decent lady, 40-55, for friendship and maybe a ltr. Box 468189

**ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS** Single guy, 47, 5ft8, been hurt in the past, works full time, looking for a Sussex-based lady to share life with. Kids not problem. Box 468082

**MEET YOUR MATCH!** Slim single dad, 47, works full time, looking for a slim/medium build lady, 25-50, children not a problem. Hobbies include, fishing, football, day and cooking. Dover. Box 462630

**NEEDING LOVE** 47yr old Brighton based man, own home/business, seeks genuine local lady aged 45-50 years to share it all with. Box 463623

**TAKE MY HAND** Genuine, honest man, 47, likes dining out, walking, looking to share the good life with a woman, 35-50, Deal, Kent. Box 460441

**LOVE SHOULD BE EASY** Laid-back single guy, 48, from Hythe, 6ft, slightly overweight/trying to lose it, seeking a fun to be around female to takes things slow with. Box 468498

**GET BACK TO ME** Good looking divorced man, 49, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 468338

**LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL** Ashford man, 54, brown hair/blue eyes, 5ft4, divorced-grown up daughter, enjoy walking, days in/out, quiet drink and football, looking for an educated female, 40-60. Box 465231

**DANCING THROUGH LIFE** Active and easy-going male, mid 50's, always tries to see the funny side of life, looking for a like-minded independent female. Box 464771

**HAND IN HAND** Easygoing man, 57, would like to meet someone to share good and bad times, finding that special person to be with soul mates. Box 861243

**AROUND AND AROUND** Active male, 59, dark hair, 5ft, keeps fit, cycles, seeking a cuddly, curvy, mature lady for friendship. Canterbury. Box 467423

**TAKE A CHANCE** Kent gent, 57, like music, socialising, cinema, fishing and holidays abroad, looking for a wonderful lady, 50-60, for friendship and romance. Cranbrook. Box 468651

**ONWARDS & UPWARDS** Early 50s widower, very honest and genuine, loves rock music, violin player, great cook, school worker, just hoping to meet someone. Langley. Box 468690

**GET TOGETHER** Divorced male, 59, 5ft8in, slim with grey hair, likes gardening, fishing, cycling, walks, cooking, going out, travel, seeks a fun and similar woman. Aylesford. Box 468615

**HELLO THERE!** Sociable lad, 59, from Ashford, enjoy motor racing, films and watching television, looking for a lady to share the good things in life with. Box 465607

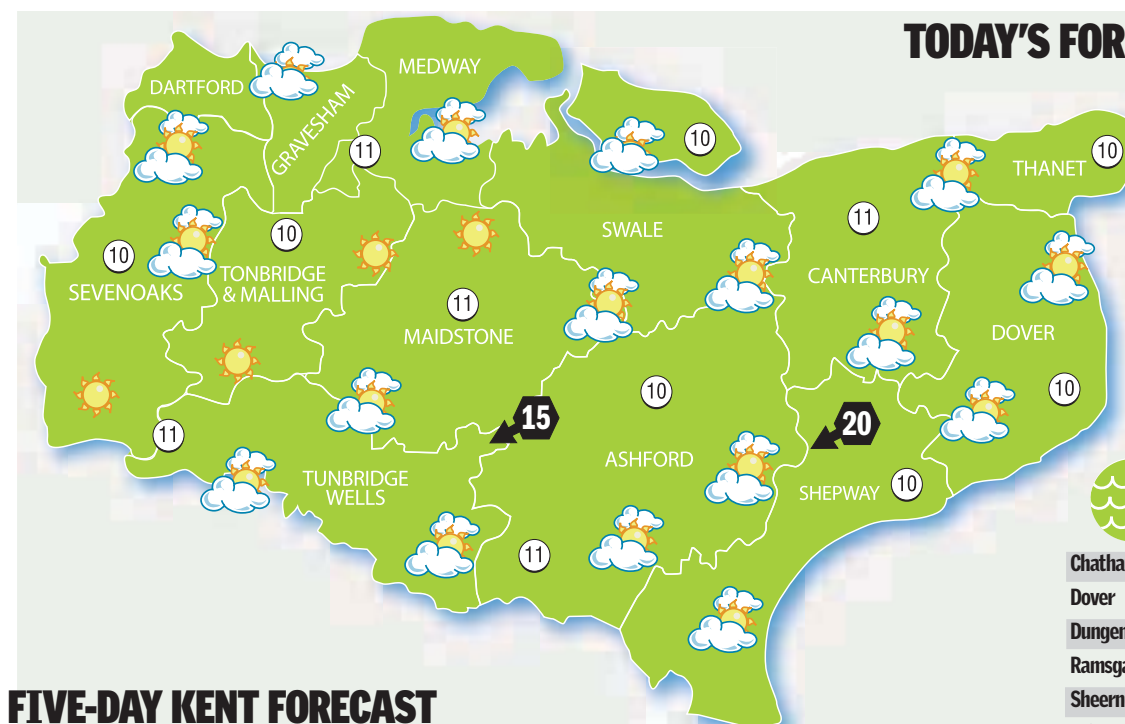
**CONSIDER THIS** Professional male, 50s, likes live music, eating in and out, W/LTM slim female, to share interests together. Sittingbourne. Box 453535

**A NICE WALK?** Genuine chap, 60, medium build, brown hair/eyes. I enjoy socialising, pub meals, walking, cycling and I'm looking for lady with similar interests. Margate area. Box 467429

**SINCERE** male, 55, seeks genuine, loving female for friendship and possible relationship. Box 710294

**LOVE IS THE ANSWER** Retired 62yr old male, 6ft, blue eyes, solvent, hobbies include music, films, reading, American comics and football. W/LTM a sweet lady for friendship/love. Herne Bay. Box 460106





## TODAY'S FORECAST






## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	9°C	Madrid	15°C
Athens	24°C	New York	11°C
Barcelona	19°C	Paris	14°C
Beijing	23°C	Rome	21°C
Bombay	33°C	Sydney	23°C
Cape Town	17°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	13°C	Tokyo	22°C
Gibraltar	18°C	Vancouver	17°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	17°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	17°C

## KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

<b>Chatham</b>	Saturday	2:28pm 6.0m	Sunday	3:06pm 5.9m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	12:33pm 6.4m	Sunday	1:16pm 6.5m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	12:42pm 7.5m	Sunday	1:19pm 7.6m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	1:03pm 4.9m	Sunday	1:46pm 4.9m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	2:18pm 5.7m	Sunday	2:56pm 5.7m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	2:14pm 5.1m	Sunday	2:54pm 5.1m

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon											Whitstable					Saturday	2:14pm 5.1m		Sunday	2:54pm 5.1m			
Ashford	11°C	12°C	14°C	15°C	16°C	Dover	9°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	14°C	Gravesend	12°C	12°C	14°C	15°C	16°C	Sevenoaks	10°C	11°C	11°C	13°C	14°C		SUNRISE	508am	SUNSET	8.37pm
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# yourcompetition

DWAYNE Johnson is the Tooth Fairy, also known as Derek Thompson, a hard-charging hockey player whose nickname comes from his habit of separating opposing players from their bicuspid.

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One of today's most popular actors, Dwayne Johnson's juxtaposition of sharp comedic timing and impressive physicality has delighted audiences in pictures like *The Game Plan*, *Get Smart* and *Race to Witch Mountain*. His latest effort, *Tooth Fairy*, brings together several elements he thought would be fun to explore. "It's a story with universal appeal," says Johnson. "It's a fish-out-of-water tale about believing in the impossible and the magic. It's for families and everyone."

"The Tooth Fairy is part of our culture and part of the wonderment of being a child. It's a character that's never been explored, to this extent, in the movies."

To most of the world, the Tooth Fairy is a magical figure. Like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy is both an inspiring and comforting character who teaches children to use their imaginations – and to dream. And while there are no definitive renderings, most of us envision the Tooth Fairy as a gentle sprite

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who magically appears during a child's slumbers to take his or her newly-displaced tooth from under the pillow and replace it with money.

It's a safe bet that no one has imagined the Tooth Fairy to be a hockey player/enforcer – until Derek Thompson, beloved by his fans for his hyper-aggressive play on the ice, becomes the newest addition to ranks of Tooth Fairydom.

Yourlocal has ten sets of Tooth Fairy merchandise, which includes a Tooth Fairy T-shirt, Frisbee, toothbrush, Amnesia Dust, stationery set, tooth-shaped USB plus lots more to giveaway to ten lucky readers.

To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Tooth Fairy Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. The closing date is May 30, 2010.

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# yourmusic

## Lounge favourites to headline folk stage



**SWINGING TRIO:** Kitty, Daisy and Lewis will headline the the LOTF folk stage

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SWING siblings Kitty, Daisy and Lewis have been unveiled as Lounge on the Farm's folk stage headliners.

The London-based trio were hand-picked to top the Farm Folk tent by curators from the celebrated Flowerpot venue in Camden.

Also on the bill are Johnny Flynn, Peggy Sue, Beans on Toast, Lu Lu & The Lampshades and Medicine Show.

A Lounge spokesman said: "Camden's celebrated Flowerpot venue will be transporting their widespread reputation for showcasing quality music from their famous London haven to Merton Farm on Saturday 10th July to host the Farm Folk stage.

"With headliners and firm LOTF favourites Kitty, Daisy and Lewis already announced, the Flowerpot line-up will also include violin-fuelled goodness from Johnny Flynn, who will be celebrating the release of his forthcoming Been Listening album, much admired Wichita Recordings signed Brighton folksters Peggy Sue, country-rock sextet the Barker Band, pop-flavoured vaudeville from Alan Pownall and pure and primal rabble rousing from The Agitator."

Among the Lounge headliners are Motown greats Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, ska legends Toots & The Maytals, The Crazy World of Arthur Brown, DJ Yoda and Courtney Pine.

Lounge promoters are promising their fifth year will be the biggest and best yet.

The spokesman added: "With increased capacity, this year's Lounge On The Farm looks set to be the finest yet.

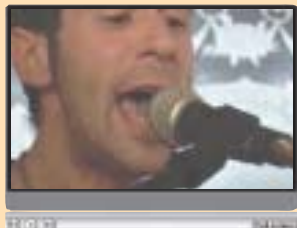
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- 5 Gristlebridge – Wanna be Famous (from Whitstable)

refreshments to be found at any festival anywhere."

LOTF takes place at Merton Farm, Canterbury, from Friday, July 9, to Sunday, July 11.

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**FARM FOLK LINE-UP:** Kitty, Daisy & Lewis, Johnny Flynn, Peggy Sue, Barker Band, Alan Pownall, The Agitator, Beans on Toast, Rum Shebeen, The Musical Difference, Lu Lu & The Lampshades, Handshake, The Joke & The Thief, Medicine Show.



**SEASIDE SPECTACULAR:** Views from the Bournemouth Eye are stunning. Poole home to Sunseeker, builders of multi-millionaires' yachts

## yourgetaways

# Take a fresh look at top UK holiday destination

■ BY GARY WRIGHT

RECESSION and an Icelandic volcano have given a massive boost to the UK's tourism industry as Brits rediscover the brilliance of their homeland.

Bournemouth could not have picked a better time to emerge as one of the UK's top holiday resorts.

A long weekend seemed an ideal opportunity to find out why a resort once seen as quaint has not so much reinvented itself, as simply moved with the times in a way any number of British seaside towns have failed.

It is a leading destination for water sports fans – including surfing, water-skiing, diving and jetskiing – as well as having almost 10 miles of sandy beaches.

Boscombe to the east has Europe's first artificial surf reef (and beach 'pods' designed by Wayne Hemingway) and to the west Poole sits on the largest natural harbour in Europe – that means sheltered water and a fascinating history.

Bournemouth town centre and sea front on a late April weekend bustled with shoppers, families and students as bands played in the Lower Gardens – the place had a real buzz.

Eating out is a magnificent adventure with 400 restaurants and bars on offer, and I think we got lucky.

The Print Room, right opposite my hotel in the town centre, held a special interest for me situated as it is in the room where the press had lived for the town's evening paper.

Three years ago it was transformed into a 1930s-style eatery, with wooden seating booths complete with a mirror-backed bar, Swarovski chandeliers and a black-and-white chequered floor.

The food was excellent and, as one critic said, it is one of the south coast's best kept secrets.

The following day we enjoyed lunchtime cocktails and a superb Thai-style meal in the Aruba, situated unexpectedly through a doorway at the front of Bournemouth pier.

Climb a few stairs and you will be

### KEY FACTS: BOURNEMOUTH AND POOLE

<b>Beaches</b>	10 Miles, sandy
<b>Watersports</b>	Surfing, skiing... everything
<b>Eating Out</b>	400 restaurants and bars
<b>Hotels</b>	200, all prices, plus 200 B&Bs
<b>Nightlife</b>	Dozens of clubs



- Gary Wright was a guest of [www.coastwiththemoost.com](http://www.coastwiththemoost.com).
- He stayed two nights at the Norfolk Royale Hotel in Bournemouth which costs around £289 for two including breakfast.
- [www.norfolk-royale-hotel.com](http://www.norfolk-royale-hotel.com)
- Use the distinctive yellow taxis to get around and night buses run between Bournemouth and Poole.
- The excellent Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum is free entry. Recommended
- For a relaxed break, take a cruise from anywhere along the coast. [www.dorsetcruises.co.uk](http://www.dorsetcruises.co.uk)
- In Bournemouth's Lower Gardens, the tethered hot air balloon offers spectacular views from 500ft. Choose a clear day and it's £12 for adults.

surprised by the airy space offering seaviews, packed with diners.

Do take a few minutes to find it, most locals know it, a lot of visitors miss it. Recommended.

And that evening we had been directed to the newly reopened Ventana Brasserie, part of the stunning Art Deco-styled Cumberland Hotel, a short taxi ride from Bournemouth centre.

The food was ambitious but good (and very reasonably priced), the staff were courteous and the gorgeous décor was in keeping with the building. You could almost have been in a 1930s Hollywood musical set. But the plasma TV with Sky sports news ruined the effect, even with the sound turned down.

Now don't think this weekend was one long food festival. Oh no, we managed to pop into the Oceanarium (near the pier), and saw turtles, sharks and a lot of fish.

I loved it, kids will love it and its one to keep up your sleeve if the weather turns nasty.

We also found time for a trip on the Bournemouth Eye, a huge tethered helium balloon soaring to 500ft out of the Lower Gardens.

Views were spectacular, one of the signs I'm sure claimed 60 miles, but the sea mist curbed that a little.

By Sunday lunchtime we'd moved on to Poole. A different proposition from Bournemouth yet closely related. The old town really is, well, old with a sprinkling of little shops, yet still has the feel of a working harbour.

Then it was time to eat again: Sunday lunch at the Custom House, overlooking the quay and the world-famous Sunseeker boatyard (I use the term in the way one might call Wembley simply a football ground) which added glamour.

So replete, again (splendid three-course Sunday lunch) we wander around the Poole Pottery then relaxed with a quiet drink on the harbour front and reflected this part of Britain offers so much... and it's only a couple of hours drive from Kent.





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# Iron Man 2 is not such a Marvel

■ BY DAMON SMITH

**DIRECTOR** Jon Favreau's first encounter with the Marvel Comics superhero was one of the most exhilarating diversions of the 2008 summer blockbuster season.

The film's heady conflation of dazzling special effects, playful performances and sizzling screen chemistry between Robert Downey Jr and Gwyneth Paltrow jet-propelled the film to gargantuan box office takings in excess of half a billion dollars.

Money talks loudly in Hollywood and so, inevitably, Favreau and most of his cast return for the sequel.

The weight of expectation on Iron Man 2 would test even the strength of the eponymous hero's red and gold armour and regrettably, the turbo-charged sequel misfires.

Screenwriter Justin Theroux struggles to integrate the new characters and to strike the same rumbustious tone as the first film.

However, he does incorporate several scenes of Nick Fury (Samuel L Jackson) which lay the groundwork for the forthcoming film of The Avengers featuring Iron Man, Captain America and The Incredible Hulk.

A brief sequence after the end credits continues to whet the appetite of ardent fans of the comics.

Billionaire industrialist Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr) announces to the world that he is Iron Man and buoys his over-inflated ego with the adulation of the masses.

He single-handedly maintains world peace to the chagrin of the US government and private investors, who are keen to acquire his technology for their own needs.

Stark refuses to share his invention, causing a furore at a Senate Armed Services Committee run by Senator Stern (Garry Shandling). Soon after, Russian physicist Ivan Vanko (Mickey Rourke), whose father helped pioneer the Iron Man technology, creates a crude replica of the electromagnetic device in the industrialist's chest and transforms himself into the villainous Whiplash.

His attack on Stark during a grand prix compels the military to take action, seizing one of the suits.

Stark races to avert disaster aided by good friend 'Rhodey' (Don Cheadle), new secretary



**SEQUEL:** Scarlett Johansson, left, joins the cast of Iron Man 2, in which Robert Downey Jr plays the red and gold, arrogant but entertaining hero



Natalie Rushman (Scarlett Johansson) and chauffeur Happy Hogan (Jon Favreau).

Meanwhile, rival arms industrialist Justin Hammer (Sam Rockwell) concocts a plan to destroy Stark Industries, which is now under

the control of new CEO, Virginia 'Pepper' Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow).

Iron Man 2 is weighed down by the anguish of Downey Jr's inventor, who is being poisoned to death by the technology that keeps him alive.

There are a couple of cute one-liners – "Don't be mad. I'm fending off a Hammer-oid attack!" – but these are few and far between.

The rapport with Paltrow's sassy love interest energises several scenes and Rourke's tattooed villain is quietly compelling, destroying the myth of Iron Man because as he tells Stark, "If you can make God bleed then people will cease to believe."

Action scenes are slickly orchestrated but don't get the blood pumping and the final showdown is a huge anti-climax.

Like its egotistical central protagonist, the sequel feels tired.

**IRON MAN 2**   
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**ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT:** BBC's police drama Luther fails to bring anything new



**YOUR TV REVIEW** LUTHER: BBC One, 9pm, Tuesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IDRIS Elba was in The Wire, which, in case you haven't heard is a legendary American cop show, that had critics frothing at the mouth with superlatives to describe its quality.

The imposing actor played the brooding, cerebral drug-dealer Stringer Bell and was one of the best TV characters of all time – no small praise there.

I never knew he was British until recently, which is a testament to just how well he carried off the role.

Not once did you hear him break into any accent other than that of Bell and he was utterly convincing.

The BBC obviously knew a good thing when they saw it, and snapped him up for Luther; its own big new cop drama. Here he very much takes centre stage, whereas in The Wire he was one of many who made up a terrific ensemble cast.

I usually avoid this kind of show like the plague, but thought I'd tune in on the strength of his casting.

The results are mixed, however.

Elba's performance is solid enough, but the show is too bogged down in clichés to really make much of an impression.

Like every TV cop with a maverick streak, John Luther has woman troubles, seems almost consumed by self-loathing and has flashback problems which give him a huge chip on his shoulder.

He broods a lot, too. He has a dark side, you see, and if you didn't see that coming a mile off then you should get down to Specsavers.

I accept that a cop drama might be hard going if the character was

whiter than white, but the same old plot devices come up time and time again.

Would it really be that hard to draw up something new, to make the character stand out from the crowd a bit?

The show is pretty nice to look at, and the streets of London are shot with panache, but was revealing the wrongdoer, before the plot unfolded, really a wise move?

Luther is not a disaster just a little unoriginal and by the book to really warrant too much praise.

There is certainly room for improvement and perhaps this will get better as we learn a bit more about why the character is the way he is.

Let's just hope for a few surprises along the way or this could tail off into just another cop show territory.



## MOTORS NEWS



### Audi baby meets small, but premium needs

ORDER books have opened on Audi's new premium baby car – the A1. It is smart and distinctive, in a sector increasingly important to well-heeled buyers.

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### Peugeot sales boosted in its bicentennial year

APRIL saw another strong performance from Peugeot in the run up to its 200th anniversary in May.

While the overall UK car market reported an 11.5 per cent increase last month against April 2009, the French marque leapt 21.6, helped by a huge boost to sales of its HDi diesel models (+53.4).

Two of the other success stories were the Peugeot 3008 crossover (What Car? Car of the Year 2010) and the refined Peugeot 5008 (pictured and also What Car? MPV of the Year 2010).



### Second edition Skodas are towing the Greeline

FOLLOWING facelifts for its Fabia supermini and Roomster MPV, Skoda Auto has unveiled Fabia Estate and Roomster GreenLine II versions.

These are second generation environmentally-friendly models from the Czech marque, with major changes including a new 1.2TDI diesel, start-stop technology and energy recuperation. The new engine delivers 83.1 mpg and CO2 emissions of 89 g/km in the Fabia estate version and 67.3 and 109 g/km respectively for the Roomster. Prices to be announced.



**BEAUTY THAT'S A BEAST:** Nissan's excellent 370Z represents superb value for money when compared to German sporty rivals such as the Audi TT, BMW Z4 and Porsche Boxster

# Latest Z-Car continues to uphold proud legacy

NISSAN launched its original 'Z' sports coupé here in 1970's.

The dynasty has not always impressed like that debutante though – then known as a Datsun – but the beefy 2003 vintage 350Z marked an impressive return to form. And it made way last year for the excellent 370Z derivative tested here in flagship GT form.

This ticks open boxes left by its predecessor; nobody doubted the 350Z's value for money, but the newer car's cabin is closer to its £28,345 to £31,645 price band.

And while the 350Z appeared muscular, some saw it as porkiness; the 370Z is actually seven centimetres shorter yet looks more slim-waisted.

A rather intrusive bracing bar behind the 350Z's front seats has been lowered and camouflaged too, without affecting the stiffness of the car, which is also 32 kilos lighter.

But don't think the 'Z' has gone soft. The 328bhp 3.7-litre V6 – up from the 350Z's 309bhp – sounds brutal when challenged, revs cleanly (0-60mph in 5.3 seconds) yet feels refined and muted on a high-speed motorway dash.

Like its predecessor though, the 370Z can be

## ROAD TEST NISSAN 370Z

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

hard work in traffic, with its heavy clutch and a six-speed gearshift that can feel lumpy at low speeds – the seven-speed auto option might be preferable if you want more all-round ability.

However, the manual option does have Synchro Rev Control (SRC). Nissan calls this "the world's first fully synchronised down/up shift rev control system allowing drivers of any skill level to experience perfectly smooth gear shifts every time." I turned it off soon though, preferring to blip the throttle myself.

The wheelbase is slightly shorter than before, but the rear-driven coupé is well-balanced and the direct steering and lively engine – in both the revs and sound departments – make for an exciting drive. A predictable and well-controlled tendency to step out slightly on the corners make it a real enthusiast's car – especially with the SRC switched off.

It also represents superb value.

Obvious German rivals to the 370Z series – a lovely roadster is also available from £30,445 – are the Audi TT, BMW Z4 and the Porsche Boxster/Cayman.

The Nissan cannot have the same badge cachet, but for ability and standard spec at bargain prices, it must not be ignored.



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X 00	<b>VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.7 DTI ESTATE</b> finished in silver, remote central locking, electric windows, remote mirrors, power assisted steering, twin airbags, Pioneer CD stereo with controls on steering wheel, air con, lots of service history, black cloth upholstery, rolled top parcel shelf, factory fitted roof rails ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£1695.00</b>
X 01	<b>NISSAN 1.0 MICRA S 3</b> door hatchback finished in blueish mauve, remote mirrors, power assisted steering, drivers airbag, 5 speed gear box, stereo, lots of Nissan service history, dark/light grey upholstery, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£1995.00</b>
Y 01	<b>PEUGEOT 106 1.2 INDEPENDENCE</b> 3 door hatchback finished in silver, remote central locking, remote mirrors, stereo, drivers airbag 5 speed gear box, black/green upholstery, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£1895.00</b>
P 97	<b>PEUGEOT 306 1.4 LX 5</b> door hatchback finished in blue, remote central locking, remote mirrors, electric windows, stereo, controls on steering wheel, drivers airbag, 5 speed gear box, parcel shelf, lots of service history ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£1495.00</b>
Y 01	<b>VOLKSWAGEN POLO 1.4 S 3</b> door hatchback finished in blue, electric windows, electric mirrors, twin airbags, power assisted steering, 5 speed gear box, Kenwood CD stereo system, service history, black cloth upholstery, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£2995.00</b>
V 00	<b>VOLKSWAGEN GOLF 1.4 S 3</b> door hatchback finished in green, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, twin airbags, stereo, power assisted steering, cream cloth upholstery, full Volkswagen service history, alloy wheels, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£2995.00</b>
Y 01	<b>CHRYSLER 2.0 PT CRUISER LTD</b> automatic finished in black, remote central locking, electric mirrors, twin airbags, power assisted steering, CD stereo, cruise control, leather/suede interior, air con, alloy wheels, parcel shelf, front fog lamps ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£2995.00</b>
X 00	<b>RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 SCENIC RT 16V 5</b> door hatchback finished in silver, remote central locking, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric twin sun roofs, twin airbags, power assisted steering, stereo with controls on steering wheel, grey cloth upholstery, rear picnic tables, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£2495.00</b>
04 04	<b>PEUGEOT 206 1.4 FEVER 3</b> door hatchback finished in red, remote central locking, electric windows, remote mirrors, twin airbags, power assisted steering, Kenwood CD stereo system, controls on steering wheel, black/orange cloth upholstery, OZ racing alloy wheels, back roof spoiler, front fog lamps ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£3495.00</b>
Y 01	<b>ROVER 45 IMPRESSION 1.4 S 5</b> door hatchback finished in red, remote central locking, electric mirrors, electric windows, drivers airbag, 5 speed gearbox, stereo, controls on steering wheel, power assisted steering, walnut dash, black upholstery, service history, alloy wheels, front fog lamps ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£1995.00</b>
T 99	<b>VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 LS 8V 5</b> door hatchback finished in green, remote central locking, remote mirrors, electric windows, twin airbags, stereo controls on steering wheel, 5 speed gearbox, power assisted steering, sunroof, black cloth upholstery, full Vauxhall service history, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£2295.00</b>
Y 01	<b>VOLKSWAGEN LUPO 1.0 E 3</b> door hatchback finished in black, remote mirrors, twin airbags, stereo, red/black cloth upholstery, 5 speed gearbox, power assisted steering, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£2495.00</b>
Y 01	<b>PEUGEOT 106 1.2 INDEPENDENCE 3</b> door hatchback finished in silver, remote mirrors, drivers airbag, stereo, 5 speed gearbox, black cloth upholstery, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£1995.00</b>
T 99	<b>FORD FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC 3</b> door hatchback finished in silver, remote central locking, remote mirrors, drivers airbag, stereo, 5 speed gearbox, black/grey cloth upholstery, power assisted steering, front and rear fog lamps, alloy wheels, parcel shelf, loads of service history ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£1895.00</b>
T 99	<b>VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 LS 8V</b> automatic estate finished in blue, remote central locking, remote mirrors, electric windows, sun roof, drivers airbag, stereo, power assisted steering, blue/black cloth upholstery, rolled top parcel shelf, factory fitted roof rails, service history ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£1895.00</b>
W 00	<b>VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 LS 16V 5</b> door hatchback finished in green, remote central locking, remote mirrors, power assisted steering, electric windows, twin airbags, CD stereo system with controls on steering wheel, 5 speed gearbox, air con, light grey cloth upholstery, parcel shelf, lots of service history ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£1995.00</b>
53 03	<b>RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 DYNAMIQUE 5</b> door hatchback finished in silver, remote central locking, keycard, electric mirrors, electric windows, twin airbags, electric sun roof, power assisted steering, CD stereo with controls on steering wheel, alloy wheels, air con, black cloth upholstery, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£3995.00</b>
W 00	<b>FORD FOCUS 1.8 GHIA TD 5</b> door hatchback finished in blue, remote central locking, electric mirrors, electric windows, drivers airbag, walnut dash, black cloth upholstery, air con, stereo, power assisted steering, alloy wheels, front fog lamps, parcel shelf ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£2895.00</b>
P 97	<b>JAGUAR 4.0 SOVEREIGN</b> automatic finished in silver, remote alarm central locking, power assisted steering, driver and passenger airbags, electric windows, electric mirrors, memory seat controls, electric front seats, cruise control, stereo system, air con, rear and front heated screens, cream leather upholstery, service history, alloy wheels, front fog lamps ..... <b>SOLD</b> <b>£3995.00</b>

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**3 SERIES**, 325 M SPORT, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit central locking climate control drivers airbag metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags trip computer twin airbags, blue, 51000 miles, £14650, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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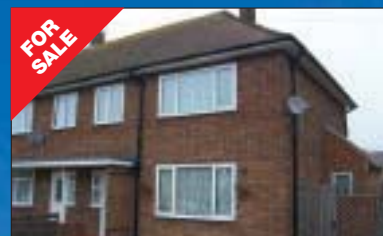
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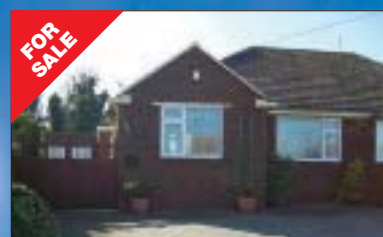
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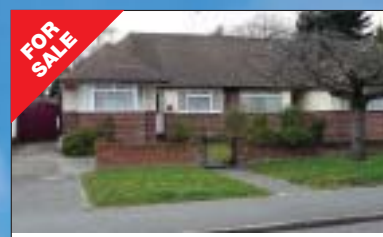
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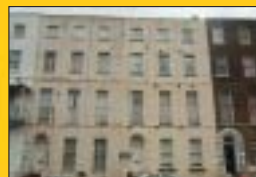
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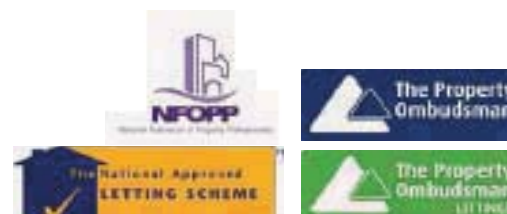


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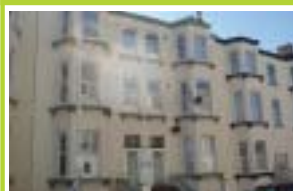
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## CRICKET

BY STEVE TERVET

## Kent League Division Two

## Orpington 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

BROADSTAIRS were cruelly denied victory on the first day of the new season as their game against Orpington was rained off with victory tantalisingly within reach.

Chasing 182 to win, Broadstairs needed 21 runs from the six remaining overs but the game was called to a premature end with the visitors forced to settle for ten points.

Having elected to field first, Neil Brennan's side struggled to contain Orpington opener Prince Sterling, who eventually fell five short of his half-century.

However, Ashley Ellison enjoyed a fine day with the ball, taking 4 for 53 including the prized wicket of David Robinson who made 46 before being caught by Scott Narraway.

Orpington were at least able to bat out their 50 overs but their score was not an imposing one and Michael Ross led the Broadstairs chase with 67 which included eight boundaries.

His lead failed to galvanise Broadstairs, though, as wickets fell around him – Alex Hogben the only other batsman to pass 20 as Orpington sensed their opportunity.

The scoreboard kept ticking but when Ross was stumped by Richard Hall off the bowling of Paul Schmidt, the game was thrown right into the balance. There was to be no winner, however, with Bradley Ellison and Liam Narraway occupying the crease when the players were forced to depart for the final time.

The performance was enough to secure Broadstairs two batting points and three bowling points on a day when just two Division Two games were completed.

## Skies open to rain on Broadstairs parade



UNLUCKY: Broadstairs, batting, were on their way to a well-deserved win over Orpington only for the rain to spoil their day

## SCOREBOARD

## Orpington 1st XI

	Runs
Prince Sterling lwb b Rattigan	45
Christopher Watts lwb b B Ellison	6
Alex Watts ct Cooper b Kidd	19
Simon Whitehead ct Benfield b A Ellison	27
David Robinson ct S Narraway b A Ellison	46
Paul Schmidt ct Rattigan b A Ellison	7
Peter Shaw not out	8
Sam Clarkson st Brennan b A Ellison	0
Neil Bradford run out	1
Stephen Ingram not out	1
Richard Hall did not bat	
Extras (11lb 10w)	21
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	181

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Bradley Ellison	10	1	22	1
Liam Narraway	7	0	28	0
Martin Rattigan	5	1	24	1
Chris Kidd	15	2	43	1
Ashley Ellison	13	0	53	4

## Broadstairs 1st XI

	Runs
Michael Ross st Hall b Schmidt	67
Jake Benfield ct Schmidt b Bradford	6
Alex Hogben c & b Clarkson	22
David Cooper b Clarkson	16
Neil Brennan lwb b Schmidt	5
Scott Narraway lwb b Schmidt	14
Chris Kidd lwb b Watts	10
Bradley Ellison not out	2
Liam Narraway not out	4
Martin Rattigan did not bat	
Ashley Ellison did not bat	
Extras (5b 4lb 4w 2nb)	15
Total (7 wickets, 44 overs)	161

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Stephen Ingram	1	0	14	0
Neil Bradford	10	1	35	1
Christopher Watts	6	0	24	1
Sam Clarkson	15	3	40	2
Paul Schmidt	12	1	39	3

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

## Sandwich Town 1st XI v Blackheath 1st XI

SANDWICH Town were unable to salvage anything more than a losing draw despite a good display with the ball against Blackheath on Saturday.

Skipper Matthew van Poppel made good use of winning the toss, taking 5 for 61 as the visitors were all out for 200 with two balls remaining.

David Scoggins and Vishaul Singh both hit 36, but a lack of runs in the middle order proved costly. In the end the hosts were merely able to survive and finished with one wicket intact, still 49 runs short of victory.

## Blackheath 1st XI

	Runs
Zobie Sharif lwb b Spanton	24
Stuart Fern ct Lawrence b Evans	3
Jack Ford ct Singh b van Poppel	20
Aaron Alley lwb b Amos	56
Chris Willetts lwb b van Poppel	10
Jahid Ahmed ct Lawrence b Amos	41
Paul Valkovics not out	35
Matt Shepherd b van Poppel	4
Ruel Brathwaite b van Poppel	0
James Hands b van Poppel	2
Richard Woods lwb b Spanton	1
Extras (2b 2w)	4
Total (all out, 49.4 overs)	200

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	10.4	2	27	2
Liam Evans	9	1	41	1
Matthew van Poppel	15	2	61	5
Alan Amos	15	1	69	2

## Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Alley b Hands	11
David Scoggins lwb b Woods	36
Stuart Smith ct Shepherd b Hands	17
Vishaul Singh ct Hands b Brathwaite	36
Gary Burgess ct Shepherd b Brathwaite	7
Tom Chapman ct Shepherd b Brathwaite	4
Gavin Lawrence not out	13
Craig Spanton lwb b Hands	13
Liam Evans b Brathwaite	7
Matthew van Poppel b Brathwaite	0
Alan Amos not out	2
Extras (4b 4lb 6w)	14
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	152

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ruel Brathwaite	14	2	37	5
Jahid Ahmed	5	1	16	0
James Hands	15	4	34	3
Paul Valkovics	4	0	12	0
Aaron Alley	2	0	6	0
Richard Woods	5	1	19	1
Zobie Sharif	5	0	20	0

## KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1A EAST

## Old Hartsdonians 1st XI v Nelson 1st XI

DAVE Wheeler played a true captain's role with both bat and ball as he led Old Hartsdonians to a convincing win at home to Nelson.

In a game reduced to 40 overs per side, Wheeler hit 65 as Hartsdonians posted 233 for nine, with Neil Roby (four for 44) the pick of Nelson's bowlers.

Wheeler then took three for 49 as Hartsdonians wrapped up victory by 49 runs.

## Old Hartsdonians 1st XI

	Runs
Dave Wheeler ct Walton b Cotton	65
Gary Wright lwb b Walton	24
Ben Pugh b Roby	5
Josh Smith b Walton	24
Matt Williams b Roby	7
Martin Mackie b Roby	7
Aston Smith ct Gillman b Cotton	20
Tom Hudson b Roby	25
Robert Guild not out	13
Jake Justice b Cotton	3
Jarrett Smith not out	0
Extras (4b 2lb 34w)	40
Total (9 wickets, 40 overs)	233

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Shoobridge	9	2	35	0
James Newing	4	0	40	0
David Walton	9	0	51	2
Neil Roby	9	0	44	4
Stuart Cotton	8	0	41	3
Glenn Tift	1	0	16	0

## Nelson 1st XI

	Runs
David Walton ct Wheeler b Williams	48
Glenn Tift lwb b J Smith	17
Scott Tift ct Pugh b Williams	31
Zeeshan Sheikh ct A Smith b Wheeler	11
Mike Burney b Wheeler	3
Neil Roby b Mackie	28
Perry Gillman b Wheeler	21
Stuart Cotton ct A Smith b Mackie	11
Mark Thomas not out	1
James Newing did not bat	
James Shoobridge did not bat	
Extras (4b 4lb 5w)	13
Total (5 wickets, 40 overs)	184

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jarrett Smith	9	1	47	1
Jake Justice	6	1	23	0
Matt Williams	9	3	23	2
Dave Wheeler	9	0	49	3
Martin Mackie	7	0	34	2

## KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B EAST

## Canterbury 3rd XI v St Margaret's 1st XI

A BRAVE effort with the ball came too late to save St Margaret's at Canterbury as they slipped to a five-wicket defeat in 1B East of the restructured Regional League.

Haydn Beer and Ritchie Hulks were the only players to pass 20 runs in a weak batting display as Canterbury's bowlers shared the wickets among themselves.

St Margaret's chipped away at the Canterbury top-order and picked up five wickets but despite making slow progress, the hosts reached their target of 108 comfortably.

## St Margaret's 1st XI

	Runs
Paul Jamieson ct Hammond b Minter	1
Aaron Powell ct Lamyan b Will Trafford	6
Haydn Beer run out	24
Mark Parnell b Trevor Minter	1
Steve Blackman ct Lamyan b Nick Bonthoys	15
Ritchie Hulks not out	31
Peter Bowley c & b O'Shea	15
Ashley Birchenough b O'Shea	0
Daniel Kennett b O'Shea	0
Karl Hammond ct O'Shea b Mitchell	4
Adrian Hulks b Mitchell	1
Extras (1b 2lb 5w 1nb)	9
Total (all out, 40 overs)	107

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Will Trafford	7	1	28	1
Trevor Minter	12	8	11	2
Nick Bonthoys	7	1	29	1
S O'Shea	7	1	19	3
Tony Mitchell	7	1	17	2

## Canterbury 3rd XI

	Runs
James Hutchings ct Wisbey b Hulks	15
Mark Bradley ct Bowley b Kennett	0
Charles Gardener b Hulks	1
Mike Burnett not out	36
Stephen Lamyan b Parnell	11
Karl Hammond b Parnell	2
Will Trafford not out	22
Trevor Minter did not bat	
Tony Mitchell did not bat	
Nick Bonthoys did not bat	
S O'Shea did not bat	
Extras (5lb 5w 1nb)	11
Total (5 wickets, 38.5 overs)	108

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ritchie Hulks	12	6	19	2
Daniel Kennett	8	0	24	1
Mark Parnell	12	3	27	2
Peter Bowley	5	0	19	0
Scott Blackman	1	0	10	0
Ashley Birchenough	0.5	0	4	0

## KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 2C

## EAST &amp; CENTRAL

## Old Hartsdonians 2nd XI v Ash 2nd XI

A STRONG bowling display, led by Gary Impett and Howard Ledingham, laid the foundations for Old Hartsdonians' seven-wicket win against Ash on Saturday.

Ledingham ripped through the Ash top-order and Impett claimed four for 26 as the visitors, who could only name ten players, were bowled out for 142.

Hartsdonians made light work of the chase with Curtis Jordan hitting 44 before Kane Pegg-Smith (38) and Paul Downton (20) saw them across the line inside 33 overs.

## Ash 2nd XI

	Runs
Nigel Whitburn ct Jordan b Impett	55
Edward Matthews b Turner	1
Peter Ewart b Ledingham	5
Jordan Griggs b Ledingham	2
Tim Bowell ct Impett b Ledingham	8
Richard Ewart b Impett	9
John Whittaker ct Downton b Impett	15
Joe Cooke b Downton	4
Tony Squires not out	7
Jeremy Michaels ct Morrell b Impett	0
Extras (11b 2lb 20w 3nb)	36
Total (9 wickets, 38.3 overs)	142

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Howard Ledingham	10	1	36	3
Michael Turner	10	3	19	1
Gary Impett	9.3	1	26	4
Kane Pegg-Smith	5	0	36	0
Paul Downton	4	0	12	1

## Old Hartsdonians 2nd XI

	Runs
Russell Morrell ct Bowell b Whittaker	18
Curtis Jordan ct Ewart b Whittaker	44
Richard Justice lwb b Whittaker	8
Kane Pegg-Smith not out	38
Paul Downton not out	20
Michael Turner did not bat	
Howard Ledingham did not bat	
Gary Impett did not bat	
Paul Meade did not bat	
Peter Wright did not bat	
Steve Bing did not bat	
Extras (4b 1lb 9w 1nb)	15
Total (3 wickets, 32.2 overs)	143

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Richard Ewart	9.2	1	42	0
Nigel Whitburn	9	0	22	0
John Whittaker	9	0	38	3
Tim Bowell	3	0	14	0
Jordan Griggs	2	0	22	0



# O'Connell targets duo in bid to boost Blues' strikeforce

## FOOTBALL

BY STEVE TERVET

MARGATE are closing in on the signatures of two new strikers as manager Iain O'Connell looks to replace Lloyd Blackman and Leroy Huggins in the Blues attack.

The Gate boss also admitted that he'd had approaches for two of his senior players from Ryman Premier rivals but confirmed both players had committed themselves to the Hartsdown Park club for the immediate future.

O'Connell is hopeful of signing Aveley's Martin Tuohy, who top-scored with nine goals in 17 league appearances last season as the Essex side finished third before eventually losing to Boreham Wood in the play-offs.

Despite a meeting with chairman Keith Piper on Monday last week, O'Connell has yet to learn his budget for the 2010/11 season, which could yet see the Blues playing in Ryman South if their relegation reprieve is not forthcoming.

O'Connell said: "I've been making phone-calls and I've spoken to a few players already. There are two centre-forwards I'm trying to bring in, but they haven't made a decision yet.

"One's just been released by a pro club and the other is Martin Tuohy at Aveley. He's been playing at this level and scoring plenty of goals. The only problem is, I can't talk to them about money because I don't know what the budget is yet, but they both seem quite positive."

More player departures are expected in the



**DAN'S GONE TO ICELAND:** Dan Stubbs, left, will be playing for Icelandic club KA Akureyri and will miss the start of Margate's 2010-11 season, while Jay Saunders, right, has turned down the opportunity to sign for Tonbridge Angels



Picture: DAVE STEWART

coming weeks, but despite the inevitable flurry of interest from elsewhere, O'Connell confirmed that no more outward business had yet been done.

"Cray have come in for Jamie Turner and Tonbridge have come in for Jay Saunders, but neither of them wanted to go," he said.

"Four [players] have gone already and there will be a few more as well, but no more have been released yet."

Saunders arrived from Maidstone United on the day O'Connell was unveiled as Mark Butler's successor and quickly found his form to give the Blues more quality in the centre of midfield.

Meanwhile, former Stones goalkeeper Turner experienced mixed fortunes in the run-in but has provided stability in the position where Margate needed it most.

James Pinnock, another player to make the switch from Maidstone, is the only recognised senior striker at the club following the departures of Blackman and Huggins, although Kent under-18 captain Sam Cliff may feature in O'Connell's close-season plans.

Midfielder Dan Stubbs will miss the first month of the new campaign after the 20-year-old agreed to join Icelandic side KA Akureyri in time for their summer season, which began on Sunday.

# Woolford aiming to prove he's a cut above Haywood

## BOXING

SCOTT Woolford takes the next step in his boxing career at the Goresbrook Leisure Centre in Dagenham on Friday as he fights on the undercard of Shinnay Baya's British Flyweight Championship fight against Ashley Sexton.

The Ramsgate welterweight (10 wins, 3 KOs, 5 losses) is looking to bounce back from his third-round cuts defeat against former British champion Young Mutley in February.

Woolford, 28, faces Scott Haywood (19 wins, 4KOs, 5 losses) in a rematch of last November's bout when he stopped the 28-year-old Derby fighter after six hotly-contested rounds.

Haywood has been clamouring for a rematch since and a win could put either man in line for a British title eliminator.

Woolford insisted he is well-prepared, despite an interruption to his training when he was forced to delay his return from a holiday in Australia due to the recent Icelandic volcano eruptions.

"I kept training while I was out there," he said. "Obviously I couldn't train with the same intensity as I would back home, but my trainer has been pushing me hard over the last couple of weeks and I'm only two pounds over the [10st7lb] limit."

The cut Woolford suffered against Mutley may have cost him that fight but he said it



Picture: STEVE EASTMENT

**REMATCH:** Scott Woolford, right, aims to prove beyond doubt he is better than Scott Haywood, left, on Friday

would not cause him any problems against Haywood on Friday.

"It's healed really well," he said. "I had a good plastic surgeon sort it out after the fight. I'm not a cocky fighter but I'm confident in my ability and I hope to prove, once and for all, who is the best Scott out of the two of us."



**CONFIDENT:** Kirk Shepherd aims to climb the rankings

## Shepherd's Open bid

## DARTS

KIRK Shepherd is confident his recent slump in form is nothing more than a blip as he prepares for the UK Open.

The Ramsgate-born thrower has struggled to produce his best darts this year but insists he still has the potential to upset the sport's big names and begin climbing the rankings again.

Shepherd, 23, has not progressed beyond the third round of any of the seven UK Open qualifying events but will feature in the tournament at Bolton's Reebok Stadium in three weeks' time, courtesy of his ranking.

However, he knows how vital it is to raise his game now, particularly with the PDC going from strength to strength and fresh new talent coming through all the time.

He said: "My results have slipped recently but I'm still hanging in there. The standard is massive at the moment, everyone's capable of beating each other and there are no easy games but that's what you play for."

"The UK Open is very important because it's big money and it propels you back up the rankings. However, I try not to think about rankings - I just treat it as money to be won at the end of the tournament."

## SWIMMING



**NATIONAL HOPES:** Eleven-year-old Harry Bradford

## Thanet swimmers continue to impress at open meetings

THE success stories keep coming for Thanet Swim Club after a hectic schedule of competitions saw the club walk away with a host of medals and qualifying times.

Swimming at the Crawley Open and Orpington Ojays Open in the space of 24 hours, Thanet's swimmers recorded 59 top-three placings, 65 South East regional qualifying times and 17 national qualifying times.

Harry Bradford (11), Kyri Papa-Adams (13) and Libby Hensen (15) will now swim at the National Championships in Sheffield alongside team-mates Jordan Brett, Alexander Wilmhurst, Tom Rust, Kelly Henson, Charlotte Davies and Louise Gates.

The Orpington Ojays Open saw Dominic Mathews claim an astonishing nine medals while Jesse Silver and Eloise Clements (both 9) scooped three of the four medals on offer in their age group. Alex Kirkpatrick swam his first South East regional qualifying time in the 400m freestyle.

## Victorious

Kent's secondary schools team to face Surrey in the inter-county championships featured 11 Thanet swimmers with Papa-Adams joined by Laura Craig, Maisie Cope, Ben Evans, Ben Pond, Matthew Fitt, Billy Ray Palmer, Jake Davis, Louise Gates, Philip Kearney and Lauren Joy.

That figure was doubled as Thanet featured heavily in the Kent team at the Primary Schools Championships, with 18 swimmers progressing to the Kent School finals and four going on to represent the county against Surrey. Two of the quartet won medals, with Brett and Wilmhurst victorious in breast-stroke and freestyle respectively.

Thanet's success has come at a cost, however, with the club now competing at a higher level and travelling as far as Guildford, Maidenhead, Portsmouth and Sheffield for events. The squad are doing a sponsored triathlon at Hartsdown Leisure Centre on May 18 in order to raise the money needed to fund their travelling.

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